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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club

Affiliate club **#0357-031583**
August 2024 Newsletter

WE HOPE ALL OUR MEMBERS CAN ATTEND MEETINGS - WE TRY TO MAKE IT EASY!

Starting in May we have a new meeting location: 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. See the map and photo later in the newsletter. Meetings will still be 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 27 - 28 CHARPEX 2024 Worrell Building, 1228 Elizabeth Ave. Charlotte, NC. Hours 10 – 6 Saturday and 10 – 4 Sunday.

July 31 Hank Aaron Forever Stamp First Day ceremony. 10:00 a.m. Truist Park. RSVP at usps.com/hankaaronstamp

August 3 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.

August 11 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club in person at Intown Community Church,2059 LaVista Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Room 204-206. Auction and Show and Tell.

August 15-18 Great American Stamp Show. Co-hosted by American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association and American First Day Cover Society. Connecticut Convention Center, Hall AB, 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show

August 23 – 24 North Georgia Stamp Bourse, Best Western, 907 Holcomb Bridge Rd. Roswell. GA

August 26 Atlanta Stamp Collector's club ZOOM meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Program on Online Resources. Video from Exploring Stamps - Is this the Most Beautiful Stamp?

September 8 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club in person meeting

September 23 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting and presentation.

September 27 – 28 Biloxi MS Fall Stamp and Postcard Bourse. St Martin Community Center, 15008 Lemoyne, Biloxi, MS https://www.gulfcoaststampclub.org

October 18 – 19 GwinnPex Fall Stamp Show. Mountain Park United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 1405 Rockridge Rd. Stone Mountain, GA

October 18 Joint Atlanta Clubs stamp meeting. Mountain Park United Methodist Church

October 19 West Palm Beach Stamp Show. https://cresthavenstamp.club

October 23-24 BALPEX Postal History Symposium, Baltimore Philatelic Society. https://www.balpex.org/balpex.html

October 25-27 BALPEX 2024 Show, BWI Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Rd, Linthicum Heights MD

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Postage rate changes: effective July 14. First Class 1 ounce to 73 cents. Additional ounce to 28 cents. Non-machinable (square or over thickness) is 46 cents for total $1.19.
https://pe.usps.com/resources/PriceChange/July%202024%20Price%20Change%20060724%20-%20Notice123.pdf
No changes to Priority Mail rates. Increases on media and marketing mail rates.

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COUNTERFEIT RISKS

The American Philatelist June issue had a lot of information on the current situation on Counterfeit US stamps. Please spread the word that the USPS is now seizing and destroying

letters that have counterfeit stamps. You may know not to buy from online "Bargain" stamp offers but small merchants find this a way to make a profit providing stamps at full price to customers that they have purchased at steep discount online.

APS encourages reporting any use of counterfeit stamps you find:

The Inspection Service takes a multifaceted approach to mitigate counterfeit stamps. One aspect is partnering with Customs and Border Protection to seize counterfeit stamps entering the country, which includes investigating their source and destination. The Inspection Service also works with the USPS Law Department to issue notices to online sites infringing on the USPS brand which includes the advertisement of counterfeit stamps. When appropriate, the Inspection Service works with local and federal prosecutors to pursue criminal charges against sellers of counterfeit stamps.

In addition, the Inspection Service asks that any USPS customer report suspected counterfeit stamp sales: https://www.uspis.gov/news/scam-article/counterfeit-stamps or toPostageFraudReporting@uspis.gov.

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Check out Online Resources

Join Learning About Stamps.Org (LASO). Monthly online sessions. Register on their site as a member (free) and then you get emails with link for monthly meetings. Meetings will occur on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time. You can also visit their website at learningaboutstamps.org.

The July meeting was about Online Resources and the presentation is available on the web-site on the Programs drop down.

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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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Starting in May 2024, our new meeting location will be 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.

The driveway to use is closest to Toco Hills / North Druid Hills Rd, not close to Houston Mill Rd. See the picture for routing into the parking lot – drive around the back of the church to park near the marked entrance door.

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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.

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If you are interested in presenting at our ZOOM meetings, please contact Scott Holmberg at sdholmberg1@gmail.com or me to schedule a date.

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