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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club

Affiliate club **#0357-031583**

July 2025 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 5 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.

July 10 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 13 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.

July 19 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 28 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Program will be a member show and tell. If you need help with sharing online contact Lloyd Nutter for help on Zoom Screen Share.

July 26 – 27 CHARPEX, Worrell Building, CPCC Campus, 1228 Elizabeth Ave. Charlotte, NC. www.charpex.info, https://www.charlottestampclub.org/home/charpex

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August 14 – 17 Great American Stamp Show. Combined show of American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association, and American First Day Cover Society. Schaumberg, Illinois. www.stamps.org/GASS

August 22-23 Georgia Stamp, Postcard and Ephemera Show. Mimms' Museum of Technology and Art, 5000 Commerce Parkway, Roswell 3006 (see attached flyer).

September 5 – 7 BALPEX 2025, Baltimore Philatelic Society, BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linchicum Heights, MD. https://www.balpex.org/balpex.html

September 26 – 27 Gulf Coast Stamp Club Fall Stamp and Post Card Show, Gulf Coast Stamp Club, #82330 St Martin Community Center, 1008 Lemoyne Blvd. Biloxi Mississippi. https://www.gulfcoaststampclub.org/

May 23 – 30, 2026 Boston 2026 World Stamp Show Inc.

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New USPS® mailing rates announced for July 13, 2025

The latest USPS mailing services price changes will take effect on July 13, 2025. The new rates include a 5-cent increase in the price of a First-Class® Mail Forever stamp from 73¢ to 78¢. On average, the changes raise mailing services prices 7.4%. Special services products will also be affected by the new rates.

What's changing in First-Class Mail?

As of July 13, 2025, mailers will see price increases to USPS mailing products such as First-Class Mail and Certified Mail.

First-Class letters (retail stamps and metered) increase 5¢. The good news for online postage and meter users is that the savings for Metered letter rate remains at 4¢ per letter. The additional ounce rate is only increasing from 28¢ to 29¢ for letters.

First-Class Flats (Large Envelopes) are increasing 11¢, and the additional ounce rate for Flats is increasing 27¢ to 30¢ depending on the weight of the envelope.

Certified Mail is increasing to $5.30 per piece plus $4.40 for the physical Green Card Return Receipt or $2.82 for the Electronic Return Receipt. PitneyShip® simplifies sending and managing Certified Mail, while also letting you take advantage of electronic Return Receipt, saving you $1.58 per piece with the new rates.

- Total 1-ounce Certified Mail cost increases to $10.44 for Retail Return Receipt (Green Card) (metered)
- Total 1-ounce Certified Mail cost will be $8.86 for electronic Return Receipt (Savings of $1.58 vs. Green Card)

You can check here to see the latest proposed prices. The USPS proposal to the eliminate Bound Printed Matter product and expand Marketing Mail is still pending approval. We will continue to keep you informed of the latest updates from the USPS and other carriers on changes to rates and services.

Copied from Pitney Bowes.com notice of USPS rate change.

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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.

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AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION

ATA is looking for volunteers for the Great American Stamp Show in August. If you would like to **volunteer** at the ATA booth, register here. It is a great way to meet fellow topical collectors and share your love of ATA!

When planning for your activities at GASS, we hope you will include a couple of hours in your schedule to volunteer at the ATA booth. It is a wonderful way to share your love of ATA and meet new people.

Booth volunteers have fun chatting with visitors and talking about topical collecting. Your help in making our booth a friendly, informative and fun attraction is very much appreciated.

Please register before July 31st. We will create a schedule and email it to you before the show.

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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 Scott Holmberg at sdholmberg1@gmail.com or me to schedule a date.

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