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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club

Affiliate club **#0357-031583**

March 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**

March 1 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.

March 1 BAYPEX Clearwater Stamp Club Show. Banquest Masters Hall, 13355 49th St. N., Clearwater, FL rogerwaivio@gmail.com

March 1 KNOXPEX 2025. Knoxville Philatelic Society, Rothchild Catering Event Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. https://www.knoxstamps.com/

March 6 – 8 Virtual STAMPEX. 24 hours a day talks and roundtables. See below for link to register.

March 8-9 Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show, Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave. Gallatin TN. http://nashphil.krbaker.com

March 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.

March 13 Fayette Stamp Club in person meeting 7:00. See announcement below for details.

March 15 Georgia Postcard Club meeting 11 am – 2 pm. First Baptist Church of Decatur, 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.

March 21 – 22 2025 North Georgia Stamp Bourse, Best Western Hotel, 907 Holcomb Bridge Rd. Roswell, GA, Includes Youth activities.

March 24 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Presentation by Garfield Portch – Insurance and Your Stamp Collection.

May 2 – 3 GwinnPex 2025 Spring Show. Mountain Park Methodist Church, 1405 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, GA

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## The Fayette Stamp Club

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Fayette Stamp Club in the south Atlanta metro area. The club's mission is to connect stamp collectors that reside south of the city.

Meetings are held in the evening on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00pm in the Woodgate clubhouse at 124 Woodgate Circle in Fayetteville, Georgia 30214.

Our meetings provide an opportunity to share philatelic knowledge, show others our collections, and to exchange philatelic materials among members.

We invite you to attend our next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions about the club, please send an email to info@fayettestampclub.org or phone one of the following club officers:

President Richard Barr 770-317-4051

Secretary Ken Andreasen 470-629-6564

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2025 DUES

If you have not paid your 2025 dues please send to Barbara Asher at 1633 Adelia Pl. Atlanta, GA 30329 or bring to the next in person meeting.

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**CBP Birmingham Intercepts 200,000 Counterfeit U.S. Forever Stamps**
**Release Date**
Fri, 02/21/2025

**BIRMINGHAM, AL –** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations at the Port of Birmingham led to a large seizure of counterfeit U.S. Forever Stamps, preventing hundreds of thousands of fraudulent stamps from entering postal circulation.

The Port of Birmingham operation resulted in the seizure of 200,0000 counterfeit U.S. Forever Stamps from Hong Kong, with a suggested retail price of $146,000.

During an operation at a local sorting facility, CBP officers selected two packages for inspection based on specific criteria. Upon inspection, the packages' contents looked authentic but further examination revealed the stamps inside were deemed counterfeit and in violation of multiple Intellectual Property Right (IPR) laws.

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**Virtual Stampex will be live from the 6th to the 8th March. Are you ready?**

https://stampex.vfairs.com/?mc_cid=d67740a794&mc_eid=d925d01d2c

Virtual Stampex is live from the 6th to the 8th March, 24 hours a day, and the show is free to attend.

**Register for Virtual Stampex**

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# SURFING THE VICTORIAN WEB

Colin Clark

Announcing **Surfing the Victorian Web** as an ongoing column by club member Colin Clark. Each column will be brief in nature and will focus on one topic of Victorian philately. Topics will vary greatly and will be constructed to be quick and easily digestible. The topic for this month is a topic that was covered in greater detail in an article a few years ago, but a quick refresher is timely and useful.

**The Numeric Post Office System**

Between 1840 and 1844, the British Postal System rapidly expanded its volume of mail with the introduction of uniform penny postage. Maltese Cross cancellations had been used to obliterate stamps, but a tracking mechanism was now needed to document the originating post office. Enter **Mr. Francis Abbott**, a London post office employee with the revolutionary idea of numbering every post office in its cancellation. There are long lists of these assigned code numbers (accessible on-line) but as an example, **Newcastle-on-Tyne** was assigned code number **545**. An example is show below. The system started in 1844. When looking at British Victorian covers, you will encounter these code numbers frequently.

**Figure 1. Penny Pink embossed postal stationery:** Sideways duplex **545** oval shaped postmark. Posted: **NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE MR 3 1857**

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**ATA Warm up to Topicals programs**

Check the ATA page https://americantopical.org/wutt or use the links below to register.

**The Comet and the Tapestry**

With Tom Broadhead

Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

Halley's Comet visited Earth in 1066 and its appearance is depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry. In 1986 when it last flew by, several countries issued stamps and a couple of pictorial cancellations that showed that scene from the tapestry. In addition to the Norman conquest of Britain, there are other interesting Halley's comet stories, notably the birth and death of Mark Twain. It's due back in 2062 - stay tuned! Tom has been our most frequent presenter because his programs are always informative and enlightening.

**Register**

**Expand Your Collection with Poster Stamps**

With Michele Bresso

Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

If you're seeking a new way to expand your topical collection, poster stamps may be just the thing. Poster stamps, whose different issues number in the tens of thousands, offer a plethora of affordable topical booty waiting to be discovered. Hear the origin and history of the "cinderella," and see ways that poster stamps shine in topical and thematic collections. Lifetime philatelist Dr. Michele Bresso is a retired college professor who discovered poster stamps' value in her topical collections. She will share how to use them, find them and make them your own.

**Register**

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.

LeA Coe, Secretary leacoe@bellsouth.net