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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club

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Yes, you just received a newsletter last week, but I needed to get this one out quickly, I realized that I gave out the wrong date for our second meeting in January-the correct date is **Thursday, January 20th**. The

APS slide show program will be on exhibiting.

Report on the the Joint Meeting, held on January 9th, 2005.

The Cobb County Stamp Club hosted a joint meeting of the three Metro Atlanta Stamp Clubs on January 9th, 2005. John Coles gave a report on the upcoming APS Winter Show to be held here in Atlanta. The show will feature 120 dealers (including some international dealers) and 4500 frames of exhibits. John mentioned that volunteers are needed for the show, Atlanta is in the running to be considered for future APS shows but if we don't get the volunteers to help out at this shows, it's highly unlikely for the APS to return to the Atlanta area very soon. Two hours of your time is all that is asked of each person.

Jerry Goldoff of the Cobb club followed John Coles with a short program on back of the book-cinderella material-focusing on war tax, unemployment, and employment stamps from New Zealand. You don't see this material very often-and the catalogues don't list it. Jerry's program was followed by a very large auction.

About 40 members attended the joint meeting, equaling attendance from last years joint meeting held by Cobb County in January 2004. The next joint meeting is to be hosted by the Atlanta club, the date will be **May 5, 2005**.

Upcoming events-

Thursday, January 20th, 2005. As mentioned above, an APS slide show program on exhibiting.

Thursday, February 3rd, 2005. Regular business meeting and auction.

Thursday, February 17th, 2005. Regular program meeting cancelled. We look forward to seeing you at the APS Winter Show. You can also volunteer to help set up at the Winter show on this day (basically just putting exhibits into the frames-no heavy lifting involved)

Friday-Sunday, February 18th- 20th, 2005. APS Winter Show. Cobb Galleria. I will be sending out a special newsletter about the Winter Show early in February with a schedule of events, hours and directions. You can pre-register for the show at the APS website: stamps.org or by calling the APS at (814) 933-3803. And please remember to volunteer two hours of your time, Thank you in advance!

March 3rd, 2005. Regular club meeting and auction. No doubt we shall also take a few minutes to discuss the Winter Show.

Dues for 2005 are still being collected. Dues (\$10.00) can either be paid at the club meetings or can be mailed to the address at the top of this newsletter. Thanks to all those who have already paid!

Finally-

While attending the joint meeting on Sunday, Scott Holmberg made a comment on my history of the joint meetings that was published in the last newsletter. He wanted to know where I kept all that information! Most of it came from memory, although I did confess to him that I wasn't sure that I got the name of the book that Dave Hill talked about at the second joint meeting correct.

The point that I'm trying to get to is this-the Atlanta club has been a member of the APS for over fifty years and the club was founded in 1947 as the U.S. Stamp Club. In 2007, the club will celebrate its seventieth anniversary. As time goes by, club members drift away, lose interest, or die. What happens is that many wonderful stories from the old days (and even stories from the new days) get forgotten. What I would like to do is to write a history of the club-so that we can preserve those memories. Obviously there are a lot of issues involved with such a project: I would need to interview club members (preferable outside of club meetings, so that I could get as much information as possible from each member) and then there's the time needed to actually write and edit the book. Then after all that, there's the legal issues involved with publishing a book and the cost of printing copies of the book.

I think having a printed history of the club would be an excellent way to preserve those memories that we all have: the funny, the memorable, even the sad. But before I start on any such project (and this would be a long-term project, most likely taking up to a year and a half to complete: time to do the interviews, time to write the book, time to publish, etc.), I need to know from the membership: would you be interested in having such a book? More importantly, would you be willing to buy such a book? I would actually like to include the Cobb County and Button Gwinnett clubs and to mention former clubs like the DeKalb Stamp club as well-but I am approaching Atlanta first since it is the oldest of the three active clubs. If the response is positive, I will approach the other two clubs to gauge their interest.

I will be asking for feedback at the January 20th and February 3rd meetings.