



**POSTMARK ATLANTA
ATLANTA STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB
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I'm sending out the October newsletter a little early this month-so I can thoroughly cover the Southeast Stamp Show coming up this weekend.

HURRICANE KATRINA AND THE GAS SITUATION

As many of you already know, it was decided at the last minute to cancel the September 1st meeting due to a temporary gas shortage caused by Hurricane Katrina. While the gas situation has somewhat stabilized, the club is keeping tabs on the situation and if need be may look into cancelling further meetings if needed (It doesn't do much good to hold a meeting if members can't attend). No upcoming meetings are affected at this point, but we shall endeavor to keep members abreast of any changes.

SOUTHEAST STAMP SHOW-SEPTEMBER 23RD THROUGH THE 25TH

The largest annual stamp show held in the southeast (outside of Florida) is due to start this weekend. The Southeast Stamp Show (formerly the Peach State Stamp Show) is being held at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta. Check the map for directions. Please make some time to attend this show this year. Due to gas prices, the show may not receive as many out of town guests as usual (out of town attendance is traditionally 25% of total attendees. Thus, it will be important for us locals to attend and support the show.

The hours of the Southeast Stamp Show are Friday and Saturday, September 23rd and 24th from 10am to 6pm and Sunday, September 25th from 10am to 4pm. Several societies are in attendance this year and Saturday especially there are several society programs open to show attendees. The Southeast Federation (Atlanta is a member of the Southeast Federation) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday from 12pm to 2pm.

Over 30 dealers (last count was 34) will be in attendance at the Southeast Stamp Show, along with four cachet dealers on Saturday during the cachet dealers bourse. The USPS is supposed to have a booth, along with the APS.

As always, if you have any extra time available, the show could use volunteers. Ask at the registration table. Even a half hour helps, as it can give someone a chance to grab a bite to eat and visit the restroom. If you can help with tear down on Sunday after 4pm, that would also be appreciated.

FIRST KILOWARE SORTING NIGHT

Although attendance was somewhat light, the members who did show up at our first kiloware sorting night had quite a good time. Stamps were available at 5 cents each, and our first four

kiloware lots included a US, GB, topical, and mixed worldwide. It was agreed by almost everyone in attendance that the mixed worldwide lot was the best, by far, of the lots picked up. Most of the members in attendance picked up several items from this lot. These lots will be available at the next sorting night (probably January), so those not in attendance will have a chance to sort through them. Eventually the lots will be put back on Ebay, and proceed from their sale will be used to buy new lots for sorting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th, 2005. Business meeting and auction. We will be discussing the upcoming officer elections. Current candidates include Mark Heffernan for President and Barbara Asher for Treasurer. We still have no announced candidate for Secretary. One of the items that will be discussed is what we as a club should do if we do not have enough candidates for the officer positions.

October 19th, 2005 (note date). JOINT MEETING OF THE ATLANTA AREA STAMP CLUBS. Apparently in the last newsletter, I listed this meeting as being on October 16th. It is actually on the 19th, and will be held at the Lilburn City Hall. The host club is the Button Gwinnett Stamp Club. The meeting starts at 7pm. No doubt we will discuss the Southeast Stamp Show, there may be a program and, as always, a large auction of better material. Check out the map for directions. Our regular meeting on the 20th of October is cancelled in favor of the joint meeting.

MAP TO THE SOUTHEAST STAMP SHOW AND THE JOINT MEETING:

