

**POSTMARK ATLANTA
ATLANTA STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB
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Spring will be arriving soon, as March is finally here. We will be having a program featured at our second meeting as well as some new kiloware lots available for sorting. One note: should anyone need to get a hold of me, please wait until Tuesday, February 28th as I will be unavailable due to my trip to England.

Upcoming Meetings

March 2, 2006. Business meeting and auction. If you can arrive early to hold the room, that would be most helpful, since we don't have anyone to do this as of yet. If you're going to do this, send me an e-mail to let me know and I'll answer you when I get back from England.

March 16th, 2006. Program. Tony Roozen will be giving a program on Topical collecting. After the presentation, we shall have some new kiloware lots available for sorting.

Club Budget

It looks like the club is due to lose a bit of money this year, as our expenses will exceed our dues revenue. There isn't necessarily a need to panic as the club does have some extra money set aside that will cover the shortfall. The newsletter expenses include actual January and February numbers, along with estimates on the rest of the year.

Club Budget:

Dues Revenue: 30 members x \$10.00 = \$300

Expenses:

Newsletter Expenses:

Postage costs: \$109.20 (\$0.37 in January and \$0.39 rest of the year for postage)

Printing costs: \$100.20 (assumes a cost of \$0.10 a page and 2 pages per newsletter. Some newsletters will be longer, others shorter so this should be fairly close to correct)

Envelope costs: \$22.50 (10 boxes at \$2.25 each)

Total Newsletter Costs: \$231.90

Other Expenses:

Dues to the Southeast Federation: \$25.00

Purchase of Ad in Southeastern Stamp Show program: \$50.00

Sponsorship of Award at Southeastern Stamp Show: \$50.00

Total Other Expenses: \$125.00

Total Expenses: \$356.90

Total Loss: \$56.90

When the budget was made, and dues set, we had assumed that we would have about 35-36 members, which is what we had last year. Unfortunately, we have had several members from last year choose not to renew their membership, thus causing the shortfall. If we are able to attract several new members, or get a few more renewals, we should break even. Either way, the club should be able to cover the loss out of our extra money.

Washington 2006- Part Three of Three

This is the third of three parts on the upcoming Washington 2006 show. The first part offered suggestions for traveling to the show, the second part focused on the dealers room and the exhibits. This month, I shall focus on society meetings and special events that are due to take place at the show.

Society meetings

There will be societies holding meetings during Washington 2006. Indeed there will be so many society meetings that one could literally spend their entire time attending meetings and never make it to the dealers room or the exhibit area. The key with this is to inform oneself of the various meeting by checking the website prior to going and/or checking your program book to make sure that you don't miss the society meetings you do wish to attend.

First day ceremonies, special events and auctions galore

There will also be several first day ceremonies, and not just limited to US stamps. There will also be a few special events held at the show that will be of interest as well. Rather than try to do an exhaustive list (which can be viewed at the Washington 2006 website), I'll look over a few highlights:

Friday, May 26th. The APS is hosting a Tiffany dinner just prior to the opening of the show at 7pm (\$125.00 a plate, which looks like a bargain. Don't believe me, read on!).

Saturday, May 27th. First day ceremonies take place the entire day. The Marshall Island begin the day at 11 am, followed by the US at Noon, the UN at 2 pm and finally Bermuda at 3pm. The Smithsonian will host a black tie dinner at the National Postal Museum at 6:30 pm (at \$300 a plate, mind you! Like I said, this makes the APS dinner look like a bargain!)

Sunday, May 28th. More first day ceremonies. The UN starts things off at 11am, followed by the US and Canada at Noon, and Israel at 2pm.

Monday, May 29th. For the younger stamp collectors, StampCamp USA runs all day long, every day of the convention. The US has yet another first day ceremony at Noon. The Harmer auction, featuring material from North America and Asia will also be held this day.

Tuesday, May 30th. Another First Day ceremony by the US at Noon. The Bennett auction will be held on this day.

Wednesday, May 31st. Nancy Clark's internet radio show, APS Stamp Talk will be doing a live feed from the show at 4 pm. And yet another auction is due to be held this day, in this case the David Feldman auction.

Thursday, June 1st. Spink will be holding an auction this day and there will be yet another first day ceremony, in this case the US Duck stamp.

Friday, June 2nd. Yet another auction: the Schulyer Rumsey auction. APS Stamp Talk will do another live feed from the show at 4 pm. The Palmares black-tie dinner will be held this day (\$200 a plate) as well as the Exhibit Awards ceremony.

Saturday, June 3rd. The last day of the show, are you exhausted yet?

This is the last of my reports on the upcoming Washington 2006 international show. Remember that there is quite a bit more information available at the shows website:

<http://www.washington-2006.org>

