

# Button Gwinnett Stamp News

May 2007

## April Meeting

We had a larger attendance than usual at our April meeting. We also had the pleasure of welcoming back a member of a few years ago. It was good to see you again, Jim.

A report by the treasurer showed that there are still quite a few members who have not submitted their dues for 2007. The treasurer will be calling them to remind them of this in the upcoming month. If you happen to be in contact with a member ask them if they have their dues up to date. Anything anyone can do to help Tom and the club in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

A little piece of information was brought up in the meeting. Australian stamps have increased in value over the past year; more than the average increase of all stamps in general. Bob could probably give us a first-hand account of this.

After the business portion of the meeting we had an auction. At this auction there was a nice mix of U.S. and foreign material, inexpensive and costlier lots, covers and lots of other stuff. There was a box of covers where the bidding started off slowly, but it soon picked up and ended up as the lot with the most active bidding. The lots from N.W. Pacific Islands (can you tell me where they are without peeking into your Scott's catalogue?) all sold too. They are Australian overprints (sorry for the location hint) so will the increase apply there too? I keep saying that there's no telling what you'll see at the auction and you have to come to the meetings if you don't want to miss out.

## May Meeting

We're going to do something that we haven't done for a little while at the May meeting. Bring something to show the club and we'll have a show and tell. If you have nothing to show you can still tell. Tell us about something that you'd like to collect or tell us a sad tale of the one you almost got but it got away. The last idea was a suggestion of one of the members and it intrigues me. A small talk on what we would like to collect would add a welcome change of pace to our meetings and you don't have to bring examples of your subject to help illustrate your talk. Keep your show and/or tell to about 5 to 10 minutes.

Here's a thought about something we might be able to do at a few of our meetings. There are/were a lot of little stamp issuing entities that we've heard of, but we don't have any stamps from there or don't even know where they are/were. Since we all went to school when they taught geography (one of our favorite subjects) we know where Russia, Germany, Canada and Australia are (I hope). But do you know where Angra, Rio de Oro, Fiume, Oltre Giuba or Ponta Delgada were?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16,2007	7 p.m..	Show & Tell
June 20,2007	7 p.m.	Auction
July 18,2007	7 p.m.	TBA

All meetings to be held at Lilburn City Hall unless otherwise noted in this newsletter.

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