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ATA TO UNVEIL THREE NEW HANDBOOKS AND SIX TOPICAL DVDS

AT WASHINGTON – 2006

The American Topical Association will have three new handbooks to show at their booth #2449 at Washington 2006. Handbook 153 will be Don Beuthel's Topical Helpline – Collecting and Exhibiting Tips. This book is a compilation of Mr. Beuthel's articles of six years in Topical Time magazine and answers many of the questions that collectors have, from "How do I start collecting topical stamps?" to "How do I dispose of my collection?". Don was President of the ATA from 1992 to 1995.

The second new Handbook is #154, Presidents of the 20th Century On Stamps: McKinley to G.W. Bush by Melvin Morris. Mr. Morris has previously authored handbooks for the ATA on Presidents Washington, Lincoln, Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A Philatelic Tour of the American Civil War, Handbook #155, is the third book in this flurry of new releases from the ATA and is expected to be ready by the opening of the show. This is the fourth handbook written by Mr. Larry Dodson who has previously published, Computers on Stamps and Stationery, Volumes 1 and 2, as well as The Philatelic Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

ATA Members Dennis Dengel, along with Harvey and Terri Edwards have started converting all existing ATA Slide programs into DVDs with narration by Mrs. Edwards. Two DVD presentations on Flowers on Stamps are now on DVDs, along with Art, Ships and Trains. The ATA is making these available for the first time as items that can be bought by stamp clubs or individuals around the world for their libraries. They will also be available for rental along with the existing slide shows. A sixth show is anticipated to be available before Washington-2006. During the coming year the ATA is expecting to exchange DVDs of existing slide shows with those of the South African Thematic Association, virtually doubling the amount of thematic presentations available to both groups.

In addition to these items, the ATA will show visitors examples of all the existing handbooks which the ATA has available for topical collectors. ATA Central Office Manager, Karen Cartier will be reading tales from her newest book, Tales by Mail – Book 2, at 11:00 AM each day of the show except for

Saturdays. Many of the ATA's specialty Study Units will conduct meetings throughout the duration of the show, and attendance will be open to the public.

On Friday, June 2nd, the Annual ATA Business Meeting and Symposium will open to the public as well with a session of questions and answers about this organization.

For information on the world's largest all-topical philatelic organization and the 2006 convention to be held at WASHINGTON 2006, along with information on the National Topical Stamp Show to be held in Irving, Texas, June 17-19, 2007, contact the ATA Central Office, P.O. Box 57, Arlington, Texas 76004-0057 (telephone: 1-817-274-1181; email americantopical@msn.com; or visit their website at www.americantopicalassn.org.