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Seasonal Postal Cancels

I enjoy the holiday stamps issued each year by the US Postal Service and by many countries around the world. This year, postal cancels attracted my attention, and I found four different ones, shown below. I'm not a big fan of the new sprayed on cancels, because they lack the neatness of older style handstamps and machine cancels. Finding good quality ones has proven to be a challenge, and I sorted through about a hundred examples to find the Happy Holidays, Happy Holiday, and snowman Happy Holidays. I had only one example of the Christmas, Florida cancel, but it is pretty clear.



Don't forget postal cancels when you are collecting!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I find myself looking forward to the months with five Tuesdays. I have really enjoyed our regular meetings this year, and the programs have been excellent. I have enjoyed the time we spend dealing with club business and getting to know one another. There is something very special about a 5th Tuesday meeting however that is hard to describe. Little business is conducted by the club then, but our time is spent doing what most of us enjoy the most, looking at stamps and talking about our collections. The APS circuit books give plenty of opportunity to look for and purchase a few "treasures" to add to your collection. Often times, other members bring along stamps and other items to sell or share. The evening also gives you a chance to get to know fellow collectors and ask questions in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. I encourage everyone to save a little pocket money and come to shop at our 5th Tuesday meetings in the New Year.

You may wish to get more involved in the operation of the society or share ideas about the events and workings of our group. We have an open director's meeting on every 5th Tuesday at 6:00 PM before the swap and shop session. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and we welcome your input and assistance in guiding KPS activities for next year.

I want to thank all those who have worked so hard this past year to make our organization a worthwhile and enjoyable society. Without an active membership we wouldn't exist. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, with your stocking filled with that special set of stamps you have been dreaming of, and your holiday season safe and warm with family and friends around you.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 2, 2008

The KPS December meeting was the traditional holiday party, held again this year at Mandarin House in west Knoxville. President Roy Row presided over the lively crowd of twenty members and spouses.

The dinner was followed by beautiful music



performed on the hammer dulcimer by Roy's wife, Susan Row.

As if that didn't make for a memorable party, the ensuing gift exchange set a new standard for enjoyment, and even hilarity.

The eager and expectant faces were good indicators of the unfurling drama! What was the excitement?



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Bruce Roberts and Elaine Evans both seemed pretty pleased with their gifts. For the answer to the “mystery,” turn to the back page of this newsletter!

Photographs are by Jim Pettway and recollections by Tom Broadhead

Dues are due

It is that time of the year when members need to renew their KPS memberships. Enclosed in this newsletter is the membership renewal form. Mail it to the KPS post office box or bring the form and your dues payment to the January monthly meeting.

Upcoming Events

For additional club listings and events, visit the calendar page of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

January 6 – KPS monthly meeting. Bruce Roberts will have an exhibiting seminar at 6:30.

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp has a strong local interest to East Tennesseans. It is the Tennessee Valley Authority commemorative (Scott 2042), issued May 18, 1993 on the 50th anniversary of President Franklin Roosevelt's signing legislation that created the TVA. An



interesting story about Bruce Roberts and the TVA stamp cachets appeared in the June 2005 issue of KPS News. Thanks go to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.

20th Century Fancy Cancels – A Collector's delight

By Bruce Roberts

In the early part of this century, problems occurred in the registered mail system. Letters that were registered were often mixed into the regular mail, thus negating the value of extra money postal patrons were paying for the registry service and exposing registered mail to theft. In 1924, the post office issued a stern regulation that said registered letters were not to have the name of the town on their face, the stamps to be canceled with a set of concentric rings.



In 1928 several stamp collectors began to make cancellers that were keyed to the names of 4th class rural post offices. They would then mail the cancellers to the postmasters and request that the “fancy” cancel be instead of the “dull” ring cancellers on envelopes sent registered mail. For postmasters who were willing to accommodate collectors it meant

Properly used pictorial cancellers on a registered cover from Turkey, Arkansas.

selling more stamps, and the 4th class postmasters' salaries were based on their stamp revenue. Over the next 8 years, this practice spread to over 1000 different post offices, with the postmasters themselves creating many of the “fancy” cancellers. By 1936 the officials in Washington decided this was all against regulations and the fancy cancels were officially outlawed.

Arkansas had many 4th class post offices, some with names that could easily be converted to fancy cancels (Bear, Forty Four, Tomato, Turkey, Fox, Hand, and several others). “Fancy” cancel covers exist from about 15 different



Arkansas Post Offices, some with variations or different cancels from the same post office. Pictured here are several examples. These covers exist in very small numbers (in some cases less than 10 are known) and are highly prized for topical exhibits.

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Duplex cancel with pictorial killer on a 1st class domestic letter from Hand, Arkansas

New Lincoln Stamps

The U.S. Postal Service has announced that it will issue the new Lincoln bicentennial commemoratives on February 9, 2009 with a first day ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. The new stamps, issued as four se-tenant designs will be self-adhesive and probably issued in sheets of 20. These stamps will be used on the cachets at Knospex 2009.



The Rest of the Story

Bruce, Elaine, and seven other members and spouses were the grateful recipients of magnifiers at the KPS gift exchange. Forget about the Wii, Barbie, or Tickle-me-Elmo, the “hot” gift this year is obviously a magnifier!



Auction Catalogs Available

Bruce Roberts acquired a large number of illustrated stamp auction catalogs and is offering most for \$1 each. If you have interests for reference and illustrations, e-mail Bruce at broberts@KCDC.org.

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New Stamps and New Rates for 2009

By the time you receive this newsletter, the USPS will have issued four new commemorative stamps in 2009. As I sit here on January 6, one of these, the Alaska statehood 50th anniversary has already appeared, but I



haven't seen one in the mail, yet. Others to follow in the next few days will be the Lunar New Year – Year

of the Ox and stamps honoring Oregon statehood and the birth of Edgar Allan Poe. If you want to see the latest press releases on 2009 stamps, visit the USPS web site – www.usps.com – and click on the “About USPS & News” tab at the upper right.

Later this year, we will have more of the state flags coil series, which I have enjoyed collecting on cover. The Hawaii statehood stamp will be another treat to look for in the months to come. But something to be aware of is the planned postal rate hike that should take effect this year. The letter rate will rise to 44 cents, along with costs of other types of mail.



Stay tuned for future announcements about the new rates and the stamps they will bring.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It amazes me how things in our lives come together at various stages in the journey. Our hobby of stamp collecting is no exception. As a high school student in the late 1960's, I was licensed as WA3MCL, an Advanced Class Amateur Radio operator. I spent many nights huddled over the glowing tubes in my transmitter talking on Morse code and voice with other hams and listening to short-wave programs broadcast from all over the world. I followed the war in Viet Nam through international eyes and was interested in the different viewpoints that were expressed.

Although I still have my license, I don't spent much time talking on the radio any longer. I have, however, kept up my interest in listening to short-wave broadcasts. Last year I found a way to tie in my interest in stamps with my listening habit. Saturday night often finds me relaxing with my stamp collection and listening to the short-wave. Imagine my surprise when I heard a program on stamps broadcast by Radio Havana Cuba! Since then, I am a regular listener.

Radio Havana broadcasts on the frequency of 6140 megahertz in the evenings. Between 9:00 and 9:30 PM they air a program called “The World of Stamps” dealing with stamp collecting and topics from all around the world. (The show is repeated at 10PM.) The exciting thing is that at the end of each broadcast they offer a test question for listeners based on the information given. Answer the question right, and you receive a packet of stamps from Cuba. The stamps are different each week, enabling a collector to get a good start on a Cuba collection. For those who can't receive short-wave, I am sure that Radio Havana streams their broadcast on the internet at the same time. You can email them at radiohc@enet.cu.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 6, 2009

The KPS January meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. There were 17 members and visitors present. Jim Pettway introduced new members Joe Kirken and Paul Wennermark, and visitor Stephen Floyd and his parents, Don and Cheri Floyd. The meeting was called to order by president Roy Row at 7:15 PM.

Russ Haese presented a very interesting program on the processes used to make the paper for stamps, definitions of terms for the various papers, and how watermarks are made and how to look for them to identify your stamps. Russ also passed around several exhibit pages showing stage color printings of German stamps.

In the business meeting Roy Row announced that Charlie Wade would give the program next month on grading of stamps. The minutes were approved as published, the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8243.91. Thomas Lane has renewed the club's CD at 3.9%.

There was discussion of Jim Cate's nomination for APS Director-at-Large. Tom Broadhead moved and Thomas Lane seconded that we second his nomination, and the motion passed.

Knoxplex 2009 chair Gerald Schroedl reviewed points of the show: (1) Thomas Lane – the banner can be mounted at the hotel, (2) Tom Broadhead – publicity is underway, the new Lincoln stamps will be issued Feb. 9, the Post Office is lined up, the show cancel has been approved, (3) Jim Pettway - 13 dealers are confirmed, (4) Bruce Roberts – exhibits are needed. Gerald announced that he is arranging with Lincoln Memorial University to exhibit copies of items from its museum. Russ Haese announced

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that the Tennessee Germany Philatelic Society has disbanded. Mike Kauffman will have surgery tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

KPS Board meeting – December 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM with 15 members and visitors present. Bruce Roberts said that we can place a KPS label on the folder containing the *American Philatelist*, which the club donates to the library. Our web site could invite new visitors and inquiries about the club. We have been asked to second a nomination for Jim Cate to be an APS Director-at-Large. We will vote on that at the regular meeting.

Jim Pettway discussed the possible participation of the local postcard club in Knoxplex 2009. We will issue a special invitation to them for the show and ask if any of their members will give a program at our club in the future. Ralph Dinwiddie announced that the CD of past KPS newsletters is not yet completed and is lacking some issues. Thomas Lane reported that the club's CD (\$) has been renewed at an excellent rate.

Jim Pettway indicated that we have 13 dealers for Knoxplex 2009, layout and arrangements are in the works. Bruce Roberts will have the APS exhibitors guide for the most popular exhibit award. Gerald Schroedl reported that exhibit entry forms and the auction forms may be found on the web site. Ralph Dinwiddie's cancel design has been approved. It was suggested that we print 120 cacheted envelopes for the show. Tom Broadhead and Jim Pettway reported on publicity in *Linn's* and *American Philatelist*, web sites, future public service announcements, and a sign at the motel. Roy Row will check with Bill Muenzer's son about security. Jim Pettway will ask dealers to donate items or coupons for door prizes, and club members may donate items. We would like to give a door prize every hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the Schwarzdruck (black print) sheet featured in Russ Haese's article on the next page. Thanks to Russ for donating these spectacular items.

The *Schwarzdruck* (Black Print) Issues of the former German Democratic Republic

By Russ Haese

Black Prints are black and white (gray-scale) printings of a release level stamp(s) with the stamp value or franking crossed through, making them invalid for postal use. The stamp(s) in a Black Print are not perforated and are printed on ungummed regular or presentation folder paper.

A total of twenty-four Black Prints were issued by the East German (DDR) Postal Authority from 1977 through 1990, when the East & West Germany postal authorities were combined. Black Prints were printed for miniature souvenir sheets, stamp sets and for combination strips (with labels). Black Prints were issued for sale at first day of issue / stamp exhibition ceremonies at a rate of one Black Print issue per year, except for 1988, in which there were two issues. The event sale price for these ranged from 2-4 Marks (\$1.00 - \$2.00) each. Of these fifteen printings, four were also included in the hard bound Year Book releases. Of the remaining nine Black Print issues, seven were made available one in each of the 1984-1990 Year Book publications and two were included only in special philatelic presentation folders. Black Print quantities printed ranged from about 50,000 for the two presentation folder sales, 27,000 – 60,000 for the Year Book only inclusion sales, 68,000 – 190,000 for the first day of issue stamp event sales and 95,000 – 236,000 for the combined stamp event and Year Book inclusion sales.

Although Black Prints are specialized items and are not often seen at dealer bourses, occasionally they can be found on *eBay*, although often not properly identified. Each of the East Germany Black Prints is identified in the *Michel Deutschland-Spezial* catalog, but they are not found in the *Standard Scott* catalog. The Black Print included in this newsletter is of the July 22, 1986, “9th Youth Stamp Exhibition, Berlin” combination strip of a semipostal stamp + label + regular postage stamp, shown below with the corresponding Black Print.



Scott #2554a. / Michel #W Zd 683 (Michel #3030, #3031 + label)*



*Michel #W Zd 683 S**

190,000 issued Sale Price: 3, M (@ \$1.50) 2005 CV: 4, Euro (@ \$6.00)

* where: **W** = Waagerrecht => horizontal
 Zd = Zusammendrucke => combination strip (+label)
 683 = indexed horizontal combination strip number
 S = category for proofs & black prints

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Famous Lincoln Portrait and its Stamps

By Tom Broadhead



and widely reproduced on photographic visiting cards of the time. It has since appeared on the U.S. \$5 bank note, prior to the most recent redesign, and on three U.S. stamps.

One of the most widely recognized portraits of Abraham Lincoln was the photograph by Civil War era photographer, Matthew Brady. It was taken by Brady on February 9, 1864



Notice how the 5 cent stamp of 1903 is very true to the photo, but designs of the 1923, 3 cent stamp at left and the 25 cent airmail stamp of 1960 changed the direction of the gaze of the eyes.



Knoxpex Volunteers Needed

Knoxpex 2009 is only a month away and we need your help to make the show a success. Please plan to lend a hand with show preparations, show events, and the show's conclusion, and be sure to be at February's club meeting for more details about Knoxpex.

We need help setting up the show Friday afternoon and early evening, getting the dealer tables in place (Jim Pettway is Bourse chair) and putting up exhibit frames (Bruce Roberts is Exhibits chair). On Saturday and Sunday we need 6 or 8 people taking turns to greet the public at our registration/hospitality table, and on Saturday night we will need at least 8 volunteers to help with the auction (Gerald Schroedl is Auction chair). We always have an area set aside for beginning collectors (youngsters and adults) so volunteering your time to get someone started in stamp collecting is very important, and it would be great if you would donate some philatelic materials for educating beginners (Randy Haese is in charge). When the show ends on Sunday we will need some folks to take down the exhibit frames and to clean up.

I know you will want to attend the show. Spending a little time helping with the show will only add to your experience and ensure the club of having another great Knoxpex event. Be sure to submit some auction lots (the auction form and deadlines for submission are in this newsletter) and why not put together an exhibit (the exhibit form is included in this newsletter too).

Tom Broadhead has already done much work to publicize the show and will be contacting news media, and Ralph Dinwiddie has designed a spectacular cachet and cancel celebrating the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. We also plan to have some Lincoln postal memorabilia from the Lincoln Memorial University archives on display.

I know Knoxpex 2009, with your help, will be our best show ever. Contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Gerald F. Schroedl 865-577-9585, gschroel@utk.edu.

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Knoxplex 2009

The most exciting time of the year for the Knoxville Philatelic Society and its members is our annual stamp show – Knoxplex.



Publicity has been sent out, Gerald Schroedl has put together the auction catalog, arranged for signage, and lined up an exciting exhibit of Lincoln memorabilia. Jim Pettway has assembled a great group of dealers. Ralph Dinwiddie has design an outstanding cachet and cancel. Thomas Lane has signed on the dotted line for a better, brighter show location at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Rd. Randy Haese has taken on the responsibility for the beginners program. Bruce Roberts has been conducting exhibiting seminars for several months – now it's time to show us what you have!

Knoxplex is our opportunity to show the hobby and the community what a great organization we have and what a great hobby philately is. I'll see you at the show!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It's show time! I have no idea if the circus is coming to town anytime soon, but I do know that it is time for Knoxplex 2009. For the stamp collector, this is clearly the greatest show on earth! Ok, maybe not on earth, but at least in east Tennessee.

Clear your calendar, empty your bank account, update your want lists, and make plans to spend the weekend with us in Knoxville, March 7th and 8th. This could be the best year ever for our show. We have moved to a cleaner, brighter location, with plenty of room for dealers, exhibits, and parking. We have some great dealers with plenty of variety in stock. The auction lists will be full of surprises and bargains. Exhibits are slowly coming together. This will be a show you don't want to miss.

I would like to remind all KPS members that your help is needed to make this weekend a success. There will be time enough for all of us to enjoy the show and visit the dealers, but every one of us can pitch in and help with something. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members and have fun at the same time. I have found that those who jump in and help at a time like this seem to enjoy themselves and get more out of the weekend than anyone else.

One of the ways that we all can help is to attend our March meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd. We will devote that entire meeting to clearing up the final details for the show. There is much to be done and many details to be covered.

Bring a friend, invite a young collector, and I'll see you at Knoxplex!

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – February 3, 2009

Due to snow and icy conditions, the February KPS meeting was cancelled.

Knoxplex 2009 Dealers

By Jim Pettway

Get your shopping lists ready for a great dealers' bourse at Knoxplex 2009. We will have 13 dealers, plus on Saturday the US Postal Service. Here are our dealers – feel free to e-mail wants to those who have provided their e-mail addresses.

B&W Stamp Co. – Bill Vance

bwstamps@aol.com

Postal History Express

Richter Stamp Co. – Don Richter

richter@ohio.edu

Traders Guild – Heinrich Hahn

hhahn@bellsouth.net

Earl T. Reeder

etreeder@cfl.rr.com

K-Town Stamps – Bill Muenzer

ktown@knology.net

F.A. Stamps – Fred Bradford

The Stamp-Tique, Inc. – Glenn Hanlen

Collect'em All – Len & Carol Curtis

collectemall@bellsouth.net

Peter Schwender

St. John's Stamps

R.J. Schultz Stamps

Stamps01@aol.com

Big Lick Stamps

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KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – March 31

by Jim Pettway

Mark your calendar for the Fifth Tuesday meeting March 31. We should have a great time looking through the American Philatelic Society Sales circuit books. Later this month I'll send out an email listing the countries and topics of the material sent to us. If I don't have your email address, please send it to me (jbpettway@comcast.net) so that you will receive this information.

In addition to the APS circuit books you have the opportunity to sell or trade stamps with other members. Let me know what you'll be bringing and I'll let everyone know via the email. Remember, no business at the meeting, just stamps. The time will be 7:00 at the TN Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Kingston Pike. See you there.

Lincoln Museum on display at Knoxplex

Knoxplex chair, Gerald Schroedl, has arranged for a collection of Civil War patriotic envelopes and 19th century Lincoln stamps from the Abraham Lincoln Museum & Library in Harrogate, Tennessee to be shown for the first time at Knoxplex. Don't miss it!

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March 31 – **KPS board meeting and 5th Tuesday swap and shop with the APS Circuit Sales Books**

April 7 – KPS monthly meeting. Charlie Wade will give the program on grading stamps, postponed from February's cancelled meeting.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp (Scott 2015) honors America's libraries. Issued July 13, 1982, these stamps are engraved and tagged. Varieties are known with tagging omitted and imperforate horizontally. Our stamps were contributed by Ralph Dinwiddie.



The UK Machin Icon

By Charlie Wade

What is the most widely used image in the world? It is the portrait of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II which has appeared on over 200 billion stamps in the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth. The design was the result of a plaster bust of the Queen (shown at right) produced by Arnold Machin, an accomplished sculptor. This design was immediately recognized as a classic, lasting for over 40 years and shows no signs of stopping. This has resulted in hundreds of varieties for stamp collectors and devotees to study.



Arnold Machin was born in 1911 and from an early age showed talent as an artist. He became an apprentice pottery designer at 14, and at the Derby School of Arts he refined his talent as a sculptor. This was followed by studies at the Royal College of Art in London. He was also a bit of a political activist. As a conscientious objector during World War II he served a period in prison in 1943. And in the same year he chained himself to a gas lamp post in an act of protest against materialism.



From the accession of Elizabeth II in 1952 until 1967, a three-quarter profile portrait of her photographed by Dorothy Wilding appeared on all British and commonwealth stamps. But in the mid-1960s this design was thought to be antiquated. In a recommendation to the Postmaster General in January 1965, the Stamp Advisory Committee was strongly in favor of a new version of the Queen's head. They recommended the design be a profile and be engraved from a photograph. In November of that year Arnold Machin and four other artists were asked to submit ideas for a new design. From the competition Machin was designated to proceed with his recommendation and was paid 4,500 pounds which is the equivalent of about \$100,000 in today's value.



The Machin design was first based on a photograph taken by Lord Snowdon, the Queen's brother-in-law. Machin's design candidates included portraits of the Queen with and without a tiara, set in a variety of frames, some of which were very ornate. In contrast to the Wilding design, he declined to use the familiar symbols representing the four countries of the United Kingdom and the



words "Postage & Revenue". He also recommended the stamp be adorned with nothing else other than the denomination. After other images were reviewed the design was finalized with the Queen describing it as "admirable". However there was some controversy when Sir John Betjeman, British Poet Laureate, suggested it made the Queen "look a bit sexy."

The Machin design was first released on June 5, 1967 on the 4d deep sepia, 1s bluish-violet and 1s 9d orange and black postage stamps. The Queen, who was herself a stamp collector, expressed her preference for the color of the 4d, so it would closely resemble the Penny Black. Sadly this color was unsatisfactory to use with the phosphor signal used in automated letter-facing equipment. The color of the 4d was changed to bright vermilion in early 1969.

In the mid-eighties, the Queen came under pressure to replace the Machin head with a more modern design. After reviewing five new designs, she relayed the message to the Royal Mail that she did not favor a change just for change sake. She was "very content with the Machin design" and it is planned to use this design for the rest of her reign. Arnold Machin died on March 9, 1999 but his iconic design will remain a classic in postal history.



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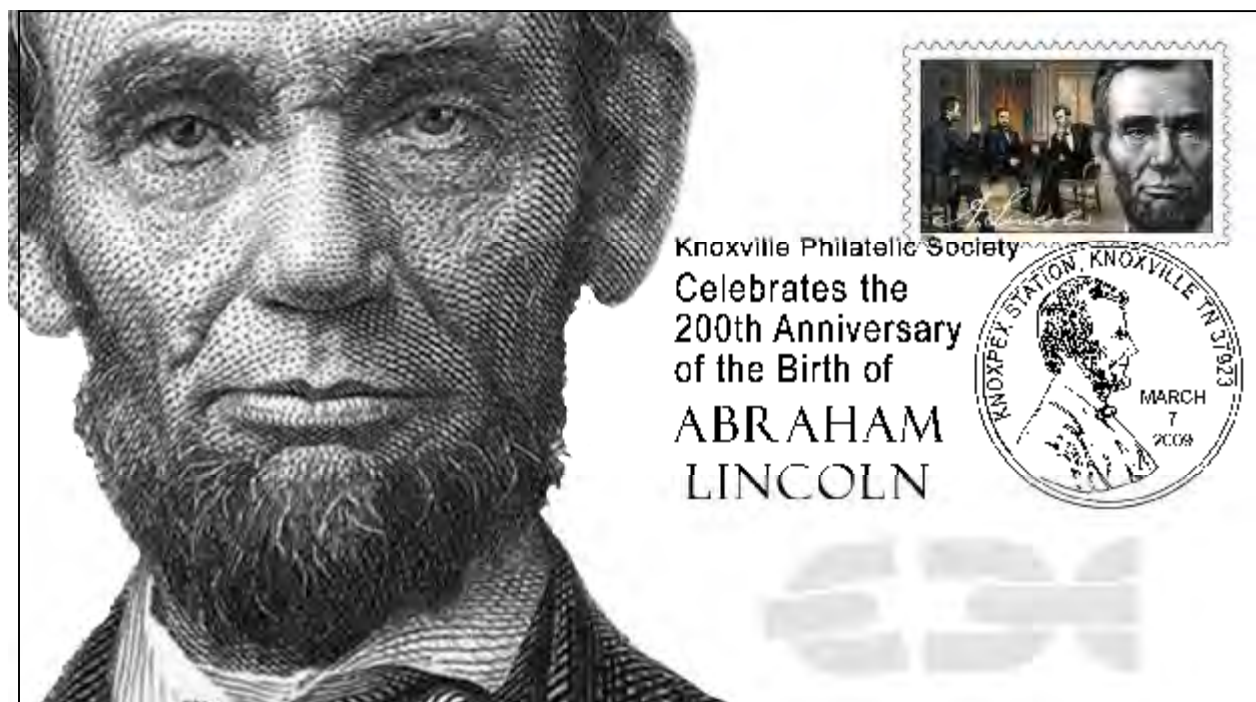
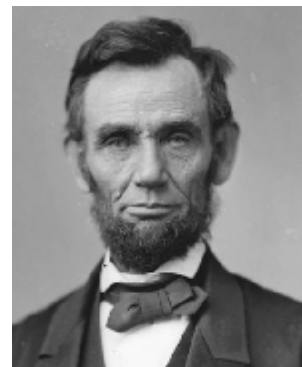
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New Lincoln Stamps Are Based on Photographs

By Tom Broadhead

Each of the Lincoln bicentennial stamps shows a portrait derived from a photo of Lincoln. Photo reproductions of these portraits and the accompanying stamps will be on exhibit at Knoxpex 2009. They include the earliest known photo of Lincoln, and the image at right. The photo from which the Knoxpex cachet and stamp below are taken was made by Alexander Gardner on November 8, 1863, eleven days before Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.



Ralph Dinwiddie's spectacular cachet and cancel will be featured at Knoxpex 2009 on March 7-8. Cachets will include examples of all four of the Lincoln bicentennial stamps. Single cachets with stamp and cancel will sell for \$2.00, and the complete set of four will be \$6.00.

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Remembering Bettie Anne Logan

Our friend and KPS honorary life member, Bettie Anne Logan, passed away following a brief illness in late February. Bettie Anne was one of the early members of the Knoxville Stamp Club and was one of the most regular attending members at club meetings.



All of us will remember Bettie Anne fondly for her stamp charity, and KPS members, especially Bruce Kenney, Stu Hanlein, and I spent many enjoyable hours at her home working with the enormous quantities that she had. Bettie Anne had personal collections of U.S. and Iceland, but lately she had put all of her philatelic energy into the charity for Church World Services.

I will miss having her as a rider to monthly club meetings, sharing family stories, including many about her talented children and grandchildren. And Knoppex was not the same this year without Bettie Anne and her lady friends selling stamps that they had so carefully soaked and sorted from her sales books.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Knoppex 2009 is now history and it was a tremendous success. Our new location proved to be perfect. Dealers and buyers seemed pleased with the clean, comfortable bourse area. The second room gave us plenty of space for our new collectors area, auction, exhibits, and registration. Parking was convenient, and the hotel staff friendly and cooperative.

The heart of the show is the bourse, and I was able to take home several items to fill in some spots in my album. Spending time around the dealers and other buyers was a great way to add to my knowledge and make me aware of areas beyond my personal interests. I also enjoy spending a block of time looking over the exhibits. These provide an opportunity to go in-depth in different philatelic areas and see what other collectors are passionate about. I am always grateful to the people who take the time to put together an exhibit, and they add a great deal to the show. Add to all of this the Saturday night auction and the weekend was complete.

A weekend like this does not just happen on its own. I want to express a special thank you to every member who helped make the event a success. A special thank you is due to Gerald Schroedl, who headed up the entire project and made it all look easy. Jim Pettway took care of the bourse, contacting dealers and overseeing the setup of the room. Thomas Lane covered all the finances for the weekend, as well as serving as our go between with the hotel. Thanks go out to Tom Broadhead for publicity and planning, and to Bruce Roberts, for taking charge of the exhibits. I also thank Ralph Dinwiddie, for the beautiful cachet and cancel designs.

I can't wait to see everyone and hear the stories from the weekend. **Don't forget our 5th Tuesday meeting on March 31st and our regular meeting on April 7th.** I'll see you there.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 3, 2009

The KPS March meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by vice-president Ralph Dinwiddie. There were 25 members and visitors in attendance. Since the February meeting was cancelled, there were no minutes to be approved. The treasurer's report was approved, showing a balance of \$8240.39.

Visitors and new members were welcomed: Don and Cheri Floyd and their son, Stephen Floyd, Brian Mason, and Paul Wennermark. Others were welcomed back after some absence: David Warfel and Stuart Hanlein. Ralph Dinwiddie passed around Inaugural Covers he prepared. We will be receiving ours in a few weeks. A sympathy card was signed for the family of Bettie Anne Logan, who passed away February 25.

Committees reported on all that has been done on Knoppex 2009 this weekend. Thanks to all the planners!!!! Helpers will be needed for set up on Friday beginning at 3 pm, and on Saturday morning, also on Sunday at 4 pm to break down. There was a motion and second that people joining KPS at Knoppex would pay dues of \$10 for the remainder of 2009. The motion passed with a show of hands. Jim Pettway asked if the club could provide several gift certificates (at a cost of \$10 each) for door prizes at the show, and some also will be donated by dealers. By a show of hands, it was agreed that the

club would do this, if necessary. Several members mentioned that they were bringing things to donate. Tom Broadhead and Thomas Lane told about their experiences at the APS AmeriStamp Expo show last month, where they bought stamps to be included with future newsletters. Both won awards for their exhibits. Congratulations, Tom and Thomas!!! The program for the April meeting will be given by Charlie Wade.

Other topics discussed included Tom Broadhead's plan to have a program to help Boy Scouts earn a merit, which will be investigated further through the BSA Council, and the need to have committee heads for Knoppex 2010, with the possible theme - 100th anniversary of BSA. The board will decide at the March 31 meeting and will propose a slate of officers, including two new directors, for the upcoming election. There was discussion on how to get more people at the meetings, a possibility of "Social Saturdays" was brought up as a way to attract people that cannot come during the week or at night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, followed by conversation, browsing through the "scratch boxes" and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events

March 31 – KPS board meeting and 5th Tuesday swap and shop with the APS Circuit Sales Books

April 7 – KPS monthly meeting. Charlie Wade will give the program on grading stamps, postponed from February's cancelled meeting.

May 5 – KPS monthly meeting. Program to be announced.

Philatelic Riddle

What word begins with "e," ends with "e," and contains one letter? The answer is on page 4.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp (Scott 588) commemorates the 2nd anniversary of Indonesian president Sukarno's visit to the Philippines. Issued October 5, 1953, these stamps are engraved and lithographed. They were donated by Tom Broadhead.



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The First Scout Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

In 1907, Robert Baden-Powell, a decorated British veteran of the Boer War founded the **Scouting Movement**, which in the U.S. was incorporated as the **Boy Scouts of America** by William D. Boyce on February 8, 1910. Baden-Powell, together with his wife and sister founded the **Girl Guides Movement** in 1910 to provide similar opportunities to young women, and the **Girl Scouts of the USA** was founded by Juliet Gordon Low on March 12, 1912. It is exciting to note that both of these organizations will celebrate their founding in the United States in the next few years.

How did the idea of scouting begin? It actually predates by almost a decade Baden-Powell's Scouting Movement. During the late 1800's, a bitter conflict between British colonists and the Boers, who were descendants of Dutch colonists, erupted in southern Africa. Philatelically, this is a fascinating area of study, because there were several independent states established by the Boers, all of which ultimately were incorporated into the Union of South Africa following the British victory. The origin of the idea of scouting for young men and the first stamps related to that all come from the Boer siege of a small town called Mafeking.

Baden-Powell and 1,500 troops had been sent to Mafeking, a key town on the railroad north from Capetown, as a diversion to attract Boer troops away from an invasion of Natal colony. In other words, the siege, which lasted from October 14, 1899 to May 16, 1900, was planned by the besieged! The uncertain thing about sieges, however, is their duration, and stamps for use in and around Mafeking were in short supply, as were currency banknotes.

Initially, this problem was solved by overprinting stocks of existing stamps for the Cape of Good Hope colony and the Bechuanaland Protectorate (overprinted on British stamps) with the words "MAFEKING BESIEGED." Those were used only as long as existing stocks permitted, and by April, 1900 there was a need to print stamps. The scarcity of materials resulted in the ingenious use of glass printing plates and chemically treated ordinary papers that produced both stamps and a required banknote by what we now know as the "blueprint" process.

Three different stamps were printed in sheets of 12 (shown below at right), and used examples are all postmarked in April or May. A large and small format, featured Colonel Baden-Powell. The third showed a 12-year old military cadet, Warner Goodyear, riding a bicycle used for mail delivery within the town and nearby surrounding areas. The Mafeking cadet corps, including boys as young as 9, conducted many basic and essential services during the siege.



Initially, Queen Victoria was "not amused" that postage stamps had been issued without her portrait, but she later knighted Baden-Powell. The energetic cadets displayed heroism and fortitude during the siege and were part of Baden-Powell's inspiration to found the Scouting Movement.

References: <http://www.scouting.org.za/seeds/stamp.html>
<http://www.allnationsstampandcoin.com/newsletters/news135.htm>
<http://www.sossi.org/articles/siegecancel.html>

Mafeking cadet corps with Warner Goodyear at far right.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 7

We're Famous, We're Famous!!

Well, maybe not famous, but in the two weeks leading up to Knospex 2009, KPS had a lot of press coverage. The first was a great article in the *Knoxville News Sentinel* on March 1. Thanks to Jim Pettway for contacting a writer, who gave us great coverage on the show, along with a photo of Jim, Bruce Roberts, Tom Broadhead, Mike Kaufmann, and Pat Goebel. Just a few days later, Tom Broadhead was featured in an interview in *Metro Pulse* that also gave show information.

The philatelic press did not let us down, either. We were listed in the print and online show listings of *American Philatelist*, and *Linn's* had Knospex listed for 10 weeks, along with a cachet listing (which has brought many orders) and a listing for our cancel. The highlight from *Linn's*, however, was the March 2 issue, which featured the following in "Readers' Opinions." It is the photo from the holiday party with (back row) Elaine Evans, Tom Broadhead, Bruce Roberts, Roy Row, Mike Carmichael, Susan Row, Randy Haese, and (front row) Lillard Harvey and Sue Haese.



New Machins Will Be Hard To Remove

By Tom Broadhead

Recent articles in *Linn's Stamp News* gave warning of problems for stamp soakers that might even eclipse the problems found with current U.S. stamps. Royal Mail, the British government postal agency, announced new security measures on its Machin definitive stamps. For more information about the history of this beautiful stamp issue, see Charlie Wade's article in the March 2009 issue of the KPS Newsletter.

In addition to security overprints on the Machin definitives, Royal Mail added another feature – curved cuts in the stamp paper designed to make stamp removal next to impossible without tearing.



These images are from the web site of Ian Norvic, who has a great discussion and illustrations of the new features – www.norvic-philatelics.co.uk. On the first class stamp, the cuts can be seen just above and below the "1st" and on the one pound stamp, the cuts are centered above and below the "1." Issued beginning on February 17, the cuts appear on the most common stamps (1st and 2nd denominated) and on the pound values.

There is hope, and the Machin Mania blog site – <http://machinmania.blogspot.com> – has postings that suggest Ronson brand lighter fluid may work.

Thanks to our Photographers

Photographs in the Knospex insert were taken by Randy Haese, Jim Pettway, Gerald Schroedl, and Tom Broadhead

Answer to the Riddle

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Countdown to May 11

Our current postal rates will remain in effect only a few more days from the time you receive this newsletter, and USPS is already issuing new stamps for the new rates.

The Richard Wright commemorative stamp issued on April 9 in the literary arts series already fulfills the new 1-2 ounce domestic rate of 61 cents that goes into effect on Monday, May 11.



If you don't like the new rates, your sympathies may be mirrored in two of the new stamps honoring the Simpsons cartoon series, to be issued May 7.



Both Homer and Marge look at least a bit dismayed with the rate increase.

President's Column

These past twelve months will be ones that I will always remember fondly. I was skeptical of taking the office of President last spring because I had just joined KPS only a few short months before. I was struggling to learn people's names, and certainly did not understand how the group operated. With the assurance of all present (thanks Mike!) I was convinced that all would work out fine. I remember driving home wondering what in the world had I agreed to do!

Over the next months I discovered that in spite of my lack of experience, KPS would thrive. That is due to the talent and willing membership of this organization. The monthly programs this year have been well researched and presented. The officers and directors carried out their responsibilities cheerfully and completely. Knoxpex 2009 was planned and staged with many volunteers and members offering their time and expertise.

Even more important, it all felt like fun. That is an important part of any organization. No matter how vital the cause, or how interesting the hobby, a group like ours has got to enjoy working and being together. KPS seems to have captured that quality and is a place where people from all walks and backgrounds can come together and enjoy themselves.

Looking back, I would like to say thank you to all of you for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this group. It has been a great learning experience and has added greatly to my life. I would encourage each of you to get involved in our meetings and programs as deeply as you can. It won't just add to your collecting skills, but will enrich and add to your life.

Tom Broadhead

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 7, 2009

The KPS April meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Roy Row. There were 23 members and guests present, and we welcomed new members Yvonne Cato and Phillip DeArmond.

The program by Charlie Wade was an informative presentation on “Grading Postage Stamps.” The three main criteria for grading stamps are Centering, Soundness, and Eye Appeal. He gave each member a copy of the information, which will be a handy reference guide. The program was followed by a brief Q & A, in which Charlie answered several questions of interest to all. Thanks, Charlie!

In Knoxville 2009 news, Bruce Roberts presented the award for the Most Popular Exhibit at Knoxville 2009 to Paul Wennermark. Show Chair, Gerald Schroedl thanked everyone who helped in any capacity. Cachet designer Ralph Dinwiddie reported that sales of cachets were larger than anticipated, and he had to print 100 additional cachets to meet mail order requests. Bourse Chair, Jim Pettway reported on attendance, and effects of the excellent publicity. Dealers reported being pleased with the new show location and table sales.

Thomas Lane gave the monthly report, which shows a current total of \$7537.40 and stated that the show was profitable. A memorial for Bettie Anne Logan was approved in the amount of \$50 for Church Women United. Bruce Roberts moved, Ralph Dinwiddie seconded, and the motion passed that we pay our \$50 dues for the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs.

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Jim Pettway announced that Bill Muenzer’s Bourse will be August 15 and 16 2009, at the Holiday Inn on N. Cedar Bluff Rd.

Jim Pettway presented the slate of officers for the upcoming election as follows:

President: Ralph Dinwiddie

Past President: Roy Row

Vice President: Stu Hanlein

Secretary: Jo Mynatt

Treasurer: Thomas Lane

Directors: Tom Broadhead and Jim Pettway

The nominations of officers were accepted by voice vote. The election will take place at the May KPS meeting.

Final order of business was approval to have Thomas Lane secure the location for the Christmas Banquet at Mama Blue’s Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events

May 5 – KPS monthly meeting. Program to be announced.

May 9 – HOLPEX 2009. Best Western Hotel, 2406 N. Roan St. Hrs: 9:30AM-4PM. Holston Stamp Club. Mike Chesman, 605 Rambling Rd., Kingsport, TN 37663. PH: 423-239-5016. Email: mike@starloremedia.com

May 30 – East Tennessee Postcard Club, 11 am – 3 pm, at McClung Museum on the UT campus. Bring a box lunch. Come to the meeting to learn about “deltiology,” the study of postcards.

June 2 – KPS monthly meeting. Program to be announced.

June 6-7 – HUNTSPEX, Tom Vevill Conference Center, University of Alabama, Huntsville, 550 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville. Contact Heinrich Hahn, hhahn@bellsouth.net

Articles are needed for future newsletters. Contact Tom Broadhead at tomwb50@aol.com for details!

Stamp of the Month



This month’s stamp (Scott 629) is a lithographed image of the monument to the U.S. landing under General Douglas MacArthur at Leyte. It was issued October 20, 1956 – twelve years after the landing.

The stamps were donated by Tom Broadhead.

The U.S. Recognizes Scouting

By Tom Broadhead

Last month, I discussed the origin of the Scouting Movement in Britain and its influence on the founding of the Boy Scouts of America by William D. Boyce in 1910 and the Girl Scouts of the USA by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. This month, I want to share with you the philatelic recognition that the United States has given to these important organizations.

It was not until 1950 that the first U.S. Boy Scout stamps appeared, commemorating the 2nd National Jamboree. I really like this design, because it shows a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, and at the top what I believe to be an Eagle Scout.



I was a successful Cub Scout, but couldn't pass the knot tying part of the Tenderfoot requirement, so never made it to the point where I could earn a stamp collecting merit badge. Ten years later, in 1960, the U.S. issued the stamp shown at right to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.



With the approaching centennial celebration, sheets of both of these stamps are now selling at a high premium.

The first stamp to recognize Girl Scouts appeared in 1948 to honor their founder, Juliette Gordon Low, eighty-eight years after her birth and twenty-one years after her death. Since then, the Girl Scouts have been recognized in 1962 with a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of their founding.



It was five years later before another scouting postal issue appeared. That time it was a 6 cent domestic air mail postcard, issued in 1967 for the World Jamboree. I bought the beautiful first day canceled example below at Knopxex 2009 for only \$1, and it shows a beautifully engraved Art Craft cachet. Properly postally used copies from the period of issue are worth much more.



Take some time to learn more about this topic from Scouts on Stamps Society International - www.sossi.org.



Next, in 1985 came a Boy Scout stamp, which was part of the International Youth Year series.



This was followed in 1987 by a beautiful stamp (below left) showing achievement badges in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. – but I don't see the collecting badge.

The most recent was the 32 cent stamp in the 1998 Celebrate the Century pane of the 1910's and showed both a Boy Scout and a Girl Scout in period uniforms.

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Knoxpex 2009 – Best Exhibit

By Bruce Roberts

Congratulations to KPS member Paul Wennermark, who received the Most Popular exhibit award at Knoxpex 2009 for “Celebrating United States History by USPS & Philatelic Exhibitions with Sheets & Panes.” A highlight of Knoxpex 2009 was the quality of exhibits entered by several KPS members. The award for most popular exhibit, determined by a vote of those viewing all the exhibits, was well contested, with each of the 9 exhibits receiving votes.



Paul, shown here with Knoxpex Exhibits Chair, Bruce Roberts, received the American Philatelic Society's “APS Manual of Philatelic Judging: How Exhibits are Judged, 5th edition, 2002” to encourage his further efforts in philatelic exhibiting.

Treasurer's Report - Knoxpex 2009

By Thomas Lane

At the April monthly meeting I reported that Knoxpex 2009 was a financial success for our club. We still have some bills and some income to report so the final figures are not yet available. The approximate net income for the club will be \$1,050.

This will be the third highest net income in the last 10 years, even though we had a new venue and higher expenses than in previous years. KPS has made a profit, sometimes very little, in nine of the last ten years. Only in 2002 was there a loss.

Miscellaneous expenses (guard, advertisement, auction, stamps for mailing) for the show were about the same as last year. Our income from the auction was down because last year we had over 40 lots that were donated for club support. Dealer fees, along with income from the sale of the Lincoln cachets helped to make up the some of difference.

We did have some learning experiences with our new venue, but management and the hotel staff were most cooperative in all areas. One expense that we had this year that we will not have next year is rental of extra. We were not sure that some of the hotel's tables put together would be sturdy enough for dealers stock. They were, and next year we will not have to rent tables. The club has signed a new contract for Knoxpex 2010 with the Holiday Inn for March 5-7, 2010 (Setup Mar 5th), with the same price for rental as this year.

Duck Stamp First Day in Nashville

By Tom Broadhead

An article by Jay Bigalke in the March 30 issue of Linn's Stamp News announced that the 2009 federal duck stamp would have its official first day of issue on June 26 at – the Bass Pro Shop, 323 Opry Mills Drive in Nashville. The \$15 stamp features artwork by Joshua Spies depicting a long-tailed duck with a decoy behind it. A special, artist signed souvenir pane with a single stamp can be ordered from www.fws.gov/duckstamps while supplies last. There is a limit of one pane per order.



Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 2

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No New Scout Stamp in 2010?

Finding a theme for our annual show, Knoxpex, is fun, but sometimes finding the right stamps to use on our cachets can be frustrating. This year, we were fortunate that the Lincoln bicentennial stamps were issued just a few weeks before Knoxpex 2009. Our expectations were that the USPS would have a nice stamp commemorating the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America early next year, too. That appears not to be in the plans.

A few weeks ago, I sent e-mails to Congressman John Duncan and to the web site of Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI). I received immediate e-mail responses from both, and Congressman Duncan's office followed up with a letter and printed information. Lawrence Clay, secretary of SOSSI wrote that "The USPS has no plans to do so and the official position of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee is that the Boy Scouts do not qualify for a stamp under their established criteria. The only possibility of a stamp issue is to get enough congressional support to influence the Postmaster General to get him to override the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee." Information from Congressman Duncan's office indicated the same decision.

We plan to use the 1950 scout stamp (below) together with a 41 cent flag coil stamp on our cachets next



request a new scout stamp for 2010.

spring, but any KPS member should feel free to contact the Postmaster General, Mr. John E. Potter, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington DC 20260-0010, to

President's Column

As my first act as the new KPS President I want to thank Roy Row for an outstanding year as our President. Row has the spirit that makes this club great, and he took on the job in order to make the club more enjoyable for everyone. Thanks Roy.

The financial condition of our club is great and has even improved over the last few years. We need to have money in savings to support the programs of the club. However, our bank account has grown well beyond what we need. As I reminded everybody at the last meeting, we are a philatelic club, not an investment club. So I hope we can use some of this money to help improve the KPS experience for all members.

There are 2 main reasons for attending KPS meetings: (1) Philately and (2) Fellowship. Once a month KPS members meet to enjoy each other's company, learn about what we collect, and what our goals are for collecting. We also get to view, trade, and buy some excellent philatelic material for our collections. So, to help improve the club I suggest two new initiatives, one in each area of Philately and Fellowship.

The first involves bringing more philatelic material into the club. Bruce Roberts suggested buying a large auction lot from which club members could purchase items at a large discount to the catalog value. Remainders would be auctioned off at Knoxpex. The second is to initiate Saturday meetings. Some members have difficulty coming out to our regular nighttime meetings. I think a Saturday morning or afternoon meeting will help these members enjoy both the fellowship and philatelic material that are our club's goals. I'll discuss these Saturday meetings in next month's column. If you have a suggestion for improving the club, please let me know. I can be reached at dinwiddierb@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Tom Broadhead

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 5, 2009

The KPS April meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. President Roy Row called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A first-time visitor was introduced. There were 24 in attendance. Secretary Jo Mynatt read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read. Treasurer Thomas Lane reported that our projected profit from Knoxpex 2009 is about \$1070. The treasurer's report shows a balance at this time of \$7500.87. We have a signed contract for the Holiday Inn for Knoxpex 2010. Thomas also announced that reservations have been made for our Christmas Party at Mama Blue's Café. The treasurer's report was approved.

Jim Pettway showed some KPS historical material sent by Bob Toal, who was very active and held several offices in KPS in the 1980's. It was decided to let the board discuss what steps to take to preserve this material and make a recommendation to the membership at a future meeting. Jim also made a motion to make a \$100 donation from Knoxpex profits to the APS general fund. It was seconded by Forrest Conklin and was approved by members.

Roy Row thanked all officers and members who have worked so hard to make the KPS so successful during his term as President. The slate of new officers was presented. Forrest Conklin moved that we accept this by acclamation, Bruce Roberts seconded, and the motion passed. The list of officers serving from May 2009 - April 2010 is shown in the box below.

New President Ralph Dinwiddie, took over the meeting and presented his two-fold goal for our club. (1)

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Improved fellowship among members – Suggestions included having a quarterly Saturday meeting including a meal and time of fellowship. There was a mention by Roy Row that we could use the fellowship hall at his church for this activity - the board will take this under advisement. (2) Increase access to philatelic material by purchasing a lot or lots at a large stamp auction to share and sell to club members. Bruce Roberts volunteered to purchase such lots at an auction in St. Louis in June. Dave Warfel moved that we authorize Bruce to spend up to \$1500 at the auction. Forrest Conklin seconded, and the motion passed.

Yvonne Cato brought up an idea for a service project for our club to decorate a tree for the Christmas "Fantasy of Trees," which would be sold with proceeds going to Children's Hospital. Yvonne will bring a proposal to the June meeting. The program next month will be by Tom Broadhead, on the subject of the Boy Scout Merit Badge in Stamp Collecting.

It was announced that our friend, Richard, who works the USPS booth at Knoxpex, has a brain tumor. Stu Hanlein will send a card right away to him, then next month we will have a card for everyone to sign.

Yvonne Cato suggested that each month some members help Ralph assemble and fold the newsletter. Good idea! And hopefully we will have volunteers to do that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

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Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp (Scott 532) is a Philippines issue commemorating the 75th anniversary of the UPU in 1949. Read more about the UPU on page 3.

The stamps were donated by Tom Broadhead.

The UPU's Green, Red, and Blue

By Tom Broadhead

Have you ever wondered why United States commemorative stamps in the first third of the twentieth century, plus our definitive stamps for more than 50 years had the same color and value combinations? One cent stamps were green, two cent stamps were red, and five cent stamps were blue. The coordination of colors and values, however, was not limited to the U.S., but characterized stamps of equivalent value for all countries who were members of the Universal Postal Union, or UPU.



The web site <http://alphabetilately.com/U.html> has some great information about the UPU, which was founded in 1874. Prior to that time, postal rates between countries were governed by individual postal treaties, and the lack of uniform international rates created many problems for postal clerks and for mail transit. That web site states that “At each transfer point along its way every piece of mail had to be examined, and the debits and credits for its journey to that point figured and recorded. Then periodically all of that had to be totaled and the resulting monies due or owed transferred between postal authorities. The UPU put an end to all of that, by establishing standard rates for all international mail, regardless of the route it took.”

Uniform rates meant faster and more efficient handling. Then, in 1896, UPU members adopted a standard color scheme that further facilitated handling of international mails. Although some web sites, including http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Postage_stamp_color and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage_stamp_color incorrectly claim that some of these colors were specified by the UPU for domestic rates, the UPU had no influence on the domestic postal rates of countries, and these colors all were originally specific only to international rates. The green stamp paid the rate for 50 grams of printed material sent in an unsealed envelope or wrapper band. The red stamp paid the international rate for a postcard, and the blue stamp paid the rate for a 20 gram letter in a sealed envelope. With that change, postal clerks could more easily check proper postage at a glance. However, it was still possible to use combinations of lower denomination stamps in different colors, and printed material or letters that appeared to be heavier required closer examination.

Standard stamp colors passed from the world scene in the 1950's as more countries issued colorful commemorative stamps that were used increasingly on international mail. The alphabetilately web site (above) states that “Recently the UPU has been active in trying to stop the torrent of bogus stamps flooding the philatelic world. They have joined the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) to create a system (called the WADP Numbering System, or WNS), in which world postal authorities submit all their new issues to be recorded in a database which is then available to anyone interested, to verify whether a stamp is valid or not.” You can see photos of recent stamps from many countries in the WADP at www.wnsstamps.ch/en/participating.html.”

The UPU is headquartered in Berne, Switzerland, where a monument was erected in 1909 in honor of the organization. The UPU web site – www.upu.int – describes the monument as the work of French sculptor René de Saint-Marceaux depicting five messengers symbolizing the five continents as they pass letters around the globe.



The monument is shown on the 10 centime Swiss stamp pictured above and on this month's “stamp of the month,” both of which were issued in 1949 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UPU.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 2

APS Circuit Books – this month!!

By Jim Pettway

June offers us five Tuesdays thus a 5th Tuesday KPS meeting! For new comers, this meeting features the American Philatelic Society's sales circuit books, and you have the opportunity to not only make purchases from the circuit books but also to buy, trade and/or sell your philatelic material. You are welcome to set up a table with your material spread out for viewing. Take advantage of this time to add to your collection while at the same time reduce your duplicated or unwanted stamp related material.

I will not receive the APS Sales circuit books until the later part of June, so at this point I don't know what we will receive. In the past we have received stamps from, among others, the United States, Brazil, Latin America, Germany, as well as topical stamps of flowers and butterflies. About a week before the June 30 meeting I will send out an email containing a list of material received from the APS. Also if you plan to take advantage of this time to sell your philatelic material just email me with a list of items and I'll include this information in the email.

We're going to have a good time June 30. NO business, just fun with stamps and covers!

KPS Lincoln Cancel on E-Bay



Ralph Dinwiddie's Knorpex cancel is on this cover available for \$5.00 on e-Bay.

Did You Get "Wisdom" in 2008?

By Tom Broadhead

I'm not talking about how much smarter you were last year than the year before, but about the unintended variety of the \$1.00 Wisdom stamp that appeared in 2008.



First issued in 2003, the stamp has always had a 2003 date in the lower left corner. However, last fall, Ashton Potter, the stamp's printer changed the date to 2008 – a change not authorized by the USPS. I have seen a few of these on cover, and most have Nashville or Brentwood, Tennessee, postmarks. Keep a sharp eye out for this variety.

Get Well Richard

Stu Hanlein reports that our favorite Knorpex and philatelic window postal clerk, Richard Elkins was hospitalized in late April for surgery on a brain tumor and is now recovering at home. Following the May KPS meeting, Stu mailed a get well card from KPS to Richard. If any members wish to send their personal greeting, mail it to Richard Elkins, 933 Riley Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37771

5th Tuesday Meeting – June 30 !!!

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 7

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KPS News wins APS Gold

Fresh in the mail on June 13 was a thick envelope from the *APS Chapter Activities Committee Newsletter Competition*. For the third year, KPS news



earned a gold award in the category for multipage newsletters for clubs with membership under 100. The only two clubs that have recently earned more golds than KPS are the Chicago

Philatelic Society and the Wichita Philatelic Society. Jane King Fohn, of Converse, Texas, is the manager of the newsletter competition, and I had the opportunity to meet her at AmeriStamp Expo in Arlington earlier this year and thanked her for her great efforts.

One of the two judges added several comments to the numerical score sheet. He awarded bonus points for articles and commented, "v. good" for clarity of illustrations, "excellent masthead," "good contact info.," and "innovative 'stamp of the month'." To earn a gold award, a minimum of 85 points is required. One judge awarded 87, and the judge who provided the comments awarded 91, which included 4 bonus points.

Copies of our October-December 2008 newsletters, on which the judging took place, will be exhibited at the APS annual StampShow in August at Pittsburgh.

I hope that you will consider helping to perpetuate this winning tradition by writing articles and notes for our newsletter.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Along with this month's KPS newsletter you will find a very important survey for members. Please take a moment to answer the 11 multiple choice questions and either bring this form to the next meeting or mail the survey back as soon as possible. We are particularly interested in learning the opinions of the club members who do not regularly attend meetings.

The club typically has about 18 to 22 members who attend our regular first Tuesday meetings, and we had about the same number attended the most recent fifth Tuesday meeting. However, club membership is almost 70 members, and we are interested in knowing what we could do to help these missing members get more out of their KPS experience. To do this we would like to know what prevents these 50 members from attending the meetings. If it is a lack of transportation or an inability to drive at night, then we may be able to arrange transportation with other members. If the problem is the Tuesday night schedule, then we could consider alternative meeting days. We are also considering having a Saturday meeting a few times a year and would like to know if that is something members would consider attending. Finally, for planning purposes we would like to know if you plan to attend the annual KPS Christmas dinner at Mama Blues on December first. The cost of this dinner is \$10.00 per person and you are welcome to bring along a guest if you wish.

KPS is such a successful club because it has so many members who are willing to step up and contribute to its activities. We now need all members to take 5 minutes and complete this survey. Thanks.

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 5, 2009

There were 22 members and visitors present. Tom Broadhead presented a program concerning the requirements for the Boy Scout's Merit Badge. He gave us hand-outs showing what is needed in each requirement, and how we could work with the scouts in conjunction with Knorpex 2010. Thomas Lane, Dave Warfel, and Bruce Roberts have scout experience and will help work with the local council. Discussion focused on what needs to be done to make the merit badge program available at Knorpex 2010, or other ways we could facilitate this activity.

Following the program, the meeting was called to order by Jim Pettway. The Secretary gave a synopsis of the minutes of the May meeting, which were approved, and will be seen in the June Newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was given, showing a new balance of \$7,365.87 in all accounts. A list was passed to have people sign up for programs for the rest of 2009, and into 2010. Everyone is encouraged to present a program or participate in some way. Tom Broadhead would welcome any articles for the Newsletter. Please contact him at tomwb50@aol.com.

In old business, Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane will attend the Regency stamp auction in St. Louis this coming Saturday, hopefully purchasing for the club an auction lot or lots that can be broken down and sold to the membership at a good value, so all may have access to many stamps! These will be available at later meetings.

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In new business: Forrest Conklin mentioned that he had not seen a copy of the by-laws of the KPS. He was given a copy, and everyone was reminded that if copies are available on request. There were kudos to Ralph Dinwiddie on the inclusion of the inaugural covers with the newsletter. Thanks for the great souvenir, Ralph! Ralph mentioned that the problem with the printer, the print-head, has been replaced at a cost of \$71.

Joe Kirker, a recent member, brought a nice assortment of free auction catalogs and some stamps to purchase. He topped off the evening by handing out a really neat (and difficult) stamp quiz. Members will be working on it, and it will be discussed at a later meeting.

We were reminded that there is a 5th Tuesday meeting on June 30, with a KPS board meeting and a swap and shop with APS circuit books.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

Show News

Tom Broadhead attended the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in Denver and the annual meeting of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society in May. Tom's transatlantic and pneumatic postcard French exhibits received vermeil awards, and his visiting card exhibit won a gold.

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events

July 7 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Tom Broadhead about French colonies.

August 4 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Joe Kirker with answers to his stamp quiz.

August – 15-16 – Bill Muenzer's summer stamp show at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Rd.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp (Scott 501) issued July 4, 1946 commemorates the independence of the Republic of the Philippines on that day, following 50 years of U.S. administration, Japanese occupation, and commonwealth status. These stamps were donated by Thomas Lane.

A “Relative” Source of Stamps

By Charlie Wade

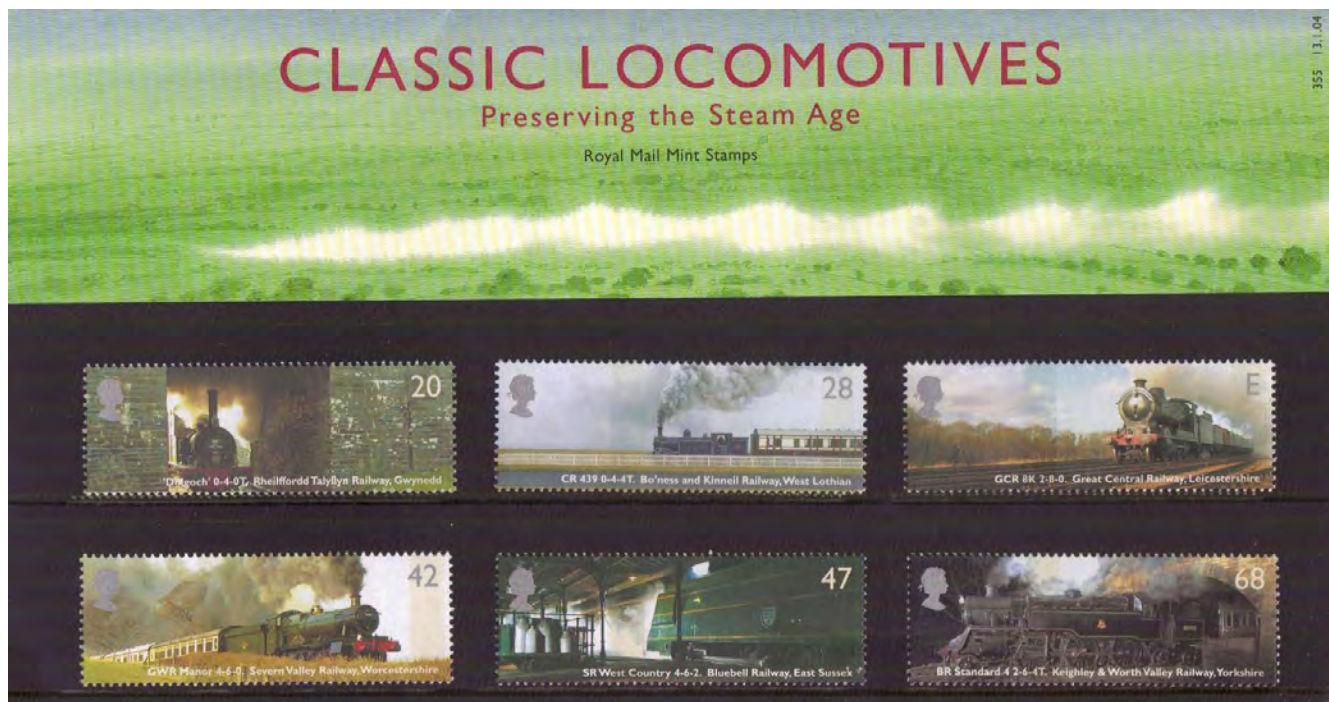
As a collector for over 50 years I have amassed quite a combination of stamps, albums and literature. Although I never met a stamp I didn't like, my major interest lie in US postage, Canadian and pre-1940 classics from Europe, Latin American, and the British Commonwealth. And one of my prize collections is stamps of Great Britain.

My British collection includes many classics including the Penny Black and Scott #2 from 1840. In addition I have many definitive issues of the reigns of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V, King Edward VIII, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. But another prized collection is the commemoratives. These go back several decades, but I'm fortunate to have almost a complete collection of mint commemoratives from 1975 through 2005. I must say these are some of the most beautiful, historical and relevant issues in the world.

How was I able to gather such a collection? The source has been my mother-in-law, Lynn Hilliard (with me below right). Mum is a resident of Northampton in the English Midlands and is a decorated veteran of World War II. She learned of my collecting interest in the mid-seventies and has been my source ever since. I was never in doubt what my birthday and Christmas would bring when the parcel arrived from overseas.

The British issue most commemoratives as a set of four or five differing values reflecting the same theme. For collectors they provide “Presentation Packs” of the new stamps (example below). Each pack, including the example below, contains the stamps and a full color folder enclosed in plastic describing the background and significance of the stamps and related philatelic information, such as designer, type of production and date of issue. I mount the stamps in my Gibbon Windsor II album and save the folders in dedicated boxes. I have lost count of the number of such packs but it runs in the hundreds.

For years Mum would watch the newspaper for new issues and walk to the village post office and buy each set. The postmaster knew to set aside one pack of new issues for Mrs. Hilliard. Over the past few years her health does not allow her to get out as much. But when she is out, she asks to go by the post office and see what's new. And every couple of months I receive a letter in which she has enclosed the stamps she has received on her mail torn out of the covers. Mum also visits the local stamp shop and gets my album supplements plus the annual edition of Gibbon's “Collect British Stamps.” (*continued on p. 4*)



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 7

(continued from p. 3) All three times Mum has visited “The States” (or rebellious colonies) she loves to look at my collections but beams with special pride over my British collection. I also prize my collection for its beauty, completeness and value, but the major source of joy is knowing that it came together as an act of love. I dedicate this article to Mum as she nears her 87th birthday.

What's in the Boxes??

Following the vote of KPS members in May, Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane drove to St. Louis, Missouri over the first weekend in June to buy stamp lots at the Regency Stamp Auction. They didn't come home empty handed, and the photo below of the purchases they made for the club should raise the level of philatelic excitement. The first showing and purchase availability for some of the lots will be at the June 30 5th Tuesday meeting. As Bruce sorts through and organizes this philatelic hoard, more of it will be brought to later KPS meetings for members to view and purchase.



Rotary International & Stamps

by Paul Wennermark

I thought you might be interested in the article about postage stamps commemorating milestones in Rotary International, linked to the tab “Rotary Stamps” on the Rotary home page – www.rotary.org. From this you can link to www.rotaryonstamps.org, the home web page for the “Rotary On Stamps Fellowship” which is a division of the American Topical Association. I'd write up an article on this but I'm too busy this month. For a part of May and June, I will

be spending a week in Guadalajara, Mexico, working on a Rotary humanitarian grant project.



I'll miss the June 2nd meeting but plan to be there on June 30th.

KPS special Inaugural Cachet

KPS News publisher and Knoxpex cachet designer, Ralph Dinwiddie created a bonus for KPS members that arrived with the April newsletter. As an appropriate follow-up to his article last fall on presidential inaugural day covers, Ralph created a cachet featuring President Barack Obama and sent copies to receive official inauguration day cancels. Everyone who was a member in November 2008 received a personally addressed serviced cachet along with the monthly KPS newsletter.



Get Well Phil

Phil Ford is at home recovering from time in the hospital after being diagnosed with dilated cardio-myopathy (heart muscles are too weak to pump out the blood). After treatment and a future of daily medication Phil said that he has a lot more energy than before. His last doctor appointment went well and he is doing fine.

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Add Stamps to Your E-Mail

Sometimes I get e-mails where the sender has added a bit of personal philosophy or a valued quote at the end. That's a nice way to personalize an electronic message. More recently, Les Winick's column in *Linn's Stamp News* mentioned a company in California that produced stamp-like images that people could purchase and add to their e-mails. These e-cinderellas were a nice, visually attractive way to personalize e-mail messages.

I was inspired by that idea and immediately sent an e-mail to *Linn's* suggesting that stamp collectors should add a stamp image at the end of their e-mails along with the slogan, **Collect Stamps!** Two weeks later, my letter appeared in *Linn's*, together with a photograph taken of a computer screen showing my e-mail and favorite stamp image. Nearby in the letters section was another subscriber's recommendation that collectors should decorate the envelopes for their regular mail with stamp images. What a great idea, and I'm already planning to add stamp images to my Christmas card envelopes in a few months!

So, if you can, add an image of your favorite stamp below the signature line on your e-mails and decorate your mailing envelopes with pasted on or printed stamp images.

Tom Broadhead



**Collect
Stamps!**

President's Column

As you may know we are planning to have our annual Holiday party and last KPS meeting of the year at "Mama Blues," 9645 Kingston Pike. This meeting will be held on our regular first Tuesday date, December 1. What you may not have heard is that "Mama Blues" has changed its name to "Five Dollar Buffet." The restaurant says this is in response to the hard economic times facing the country.

The board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society has begun discussions about having a Saturday meeting later this year. One question we are facing is where to have this meeting. Some suggestions include the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike (location of the regular KPS meetings), a Knox County library community room, or Roy Row's church in Maryville. The advantage of Roy's church is that we can likely get this facility at no cost. The disadvantage is the fact that it is not centrally located. The Knox County Library system has several community rooms available for groups to meet. The cost would be \$150 per hour since we would want to make stamps available for sale to and by our members. The advantage of having it at the Unitarian Church is that many members already know this location and it is relatively easy to get to. If you have a suggestion for a good, low cost, centrally located meeting facility we can use on a Saturday, please let me know as soon as possible. You can contact me on my cell phone at 335-0118 or by email at dinwiddierb@yahoo.com.

Finally, let me remind you to please send your response to the KPS survey as soon as possible. Thanks.

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 7, 2009

Preceding the meeting, APS circuit sales books, and auction lots were available, and members brought stamps, covers, and collections to trade or sell. Everyone enjoyed looking and buying and having lots of stamps available.

The meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held July 7, 2009 at the TVUUC. Twenty-two members attended. Vice president Stu Hanlein called the meeting to order at 7:35. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,117.19, which includes a net profit from Knoxpex 2009 of \$1,069.38.

Yvonne Cato reported about the possible participation of the club at Fantasy of Trees this fall. She was encouraged to work on the idea and present a plan to the executive board. Joe Kirker gave a few hints and clues for the stamp quiz, which will be completed at the August meeting. He announced a prize of a mint, never-hinged C18, the "Baby Zep," to the person who gets every question right.

Jim Pettway, APS Representative, read a thank-you note from APS for our recent donation of \$100. Bruce Roberts told about attending the Regency Auction with Thomas Lane, and discussed the cost and the lots purchased by the club. The lots were available for members to view and purchase items. These will be available at later meetings. There was discussion on whether the club needs to purchase a set of new catalogues, but no motion was made.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting – June 30, 2009

President Ralph Dinwiddie opened the board meeting at 6:15 pm. Discussion focused on the prospect of having an occasional Saturday meeting, and several possible locations were proposed, including county branch libraries and Roy Row's church in Maryville. This topic will be discussed further at upcoming monthly and board meetings

KPS no longer has a library, but it was suggested that we explore the possibility of purchasing a current set of Scott Catalogs for members to check out. Comments indicated that copies also are available at local libraries. Bruce Roberts talked about the results of the Regency Auction in St. Louis, which he and Thomas Lane attended. Lots purchased at that auction will be made available to KPS members beginning tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.
Respectfully submitted,
Tom Broadhead, Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

August 1-2 – Nashville Summer Stamp Show, Music Valley Event Center at Opryland. Bill Vance – bwstamps@aol.com.

August 4 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Joe Kirker with answers to his stamp quiz.

August – 15-16 – Bill Muenzer's summer stamp show at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Rd.

September 1 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Charles Klintiver on Early U.S. Proofs.

September 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – trade and swap, APS Circuit Books, KPS Auction lot sales at 7:00; KPS Board Meeting at 6:00.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp (Scott C25) was issued June 25, 1941 as part of the 1941-44 air mail series. During World War II it played an important role as the postage necessary to send a letter from home to service men and women overseas.

These stamps were donated by Charlie Wade.

Meet Me in St. Louis for the Auction!

By Bruce Roberts

Thomas Lane and I drove to St Louis June 5 on a mission. We wanted to purchase on behalf of the club one or more collections/accumulations to bring stamps back to our stamp club meetings! The challenge was to keep the stamps and the trip cost within our budget. There was no time to take pictures at the auction, but the photos here are from the first viewing and purchasing at the June 30 KPS 5th Tuesday meeting.

We left after work on Friday, stayed overnight in Hopkinsville, KY, and were up and away very early to be at Regency's doors by 9 AM (we made it at 9:10). This was my 7th visit to their shop, a very pleasant and surprisingly small business building about 1.5 miles from downtown St Louis. It was like going back to "Cheers" the bar, where everybody knows my name. I was expecting a fairly good crowd of auction lot examiners on Saturday; in the past when Bill Muenzer and I went to look for lots, we usually had a dozen or more competitors looking on Saturday. But for most of the day, Thomas and I had the lot examination area to ourselves. Out front, the Auction began about 10 AM, but our lots would not come to the hammer until Sunday about noon.



For several weeks before the auction, I had followed the opening bids for about 80 lots on-line, and felt prepared for the bidding. We had to eliminate all of those already opening at over \$1000 as too expensive for our budget. I took on the US lots, and Thomas looked at collections and lots from individual foreign countries. Then we split up the World Wide lots, he taking the even numbers and I taking the odd numbers. Even with both of us working hard (no lunch or breaks of any kind) we still barely made it through all the lots. Many were rejected as already opening for more than I felt they were worth. By the end of the day we had about 20 lots that we were willing to pay more than the opening bid. We closed the place about 7 PM, checked into our hotel, and caught dinner at a pleasant Italian restaurant.

We were back at Regency by 9 AM Sunday. Opening bids had gone up over night, eliminating 3 of our possible lots. I was amazed at the small crowd; 20 or less. but two of them were auction agents. A very nice US collection opened at \$425. I was prepared to go to \$650 for it. One of the

agents bid along with me, and when it reached \$800 I dropped out. Other US collections went for more than I felt they were worth. We were also unable to buy any of the individual country collections Thomas had selected. The lot which would have been best for the club was a two-volume set of 19th century worldwide stamps. Opening at \$600, I was prepared to go to \$900 for it, but had to drop out at \$1025. Now the auction was down to 25 lots and we had bought nothing. I still had 5 lots on my list that I had intended to use as "filler," lots to buy if we still had money after buying one a "good" lot. So I bought all of them, paying more in some cases than I had wanted, but feeling we had to come home with something.



The results were mixed. One very good lot had US, foreign, and covers, and the price I paid was good. We also got 5 big boxes of modern FDC albums and highly commercial pages of mint stamps. This lot I felt was a mistake to have purchased. We did get a lot of high value Japan, Great Britain and Germany, and a specialized lot of Canadian tagging and plate varieties. We drove straight back to Knoxville, getting home about 11:30 PM. If we do this again, I will purchase a good US or foreign collection lot and try to remember that I don't have to bid as low as I did when I was a stamp dealer. This is more for fun than profit!!!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 4

Our Own Retail Stamp Dealer

By Tom Broadhead

When was the last time that you shopped at a store-front, retail stamp dealer? When I travel, I always check the phone directory for retail dealers, but almost never have the time or the transportation to visit their shops.

But wait! Longtime KPS member, Bill Muenzer is a retail dealer, with a shop – KTown Stamps – located conveniently at 6208 Baum Drive in west Knoxville. Bill's shop has a lot of room for his stocks of stamps and supplies, and I have found recently that it is always a good idea to shop his extensive stock for my want list before going to an out of town show.



If you would like to see Bill more than just twice a year at shows, pay him a visit at KTown Stamps. Contact information and store hours are on the web at www.ktownstamps.com.

Don't forget that Bill has a bourse with 8 dealers on August 15-16 at the Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff.

More Stamp Quiz Hints

From Joe Kirker

One of the answers is for an issue released in 1991 (so nothing after then instead of 1990 as in the write-up). Two different questions have the same answer (same Scott #). Have fun and don't forget that a U.S. MNH C18 awaits the person who answers all 20 questions correctly. I have some other prizes for those less than perfect.

APS Sales Circuit Books

By Jim Pettway

If you attended the KPS Fifth Tuesday meeting in June and didn't walk away with some philatelic finds to add to your collection then I don't know what to say. Among the APS circuit books, the country collections from Joe Kirker, and the KPS recently purchased auction lots, there was something for all stamp collecting



interests. As I was responsible for the APS Sales circuit books I'm here to report only for that area. With a large turnout of members and the large offerings of material I wasn't surprised that sales from the circuit books weren't as good as in the past. I (and others agreed) must say too that the material in this circuit wasn't as good as the past either. Of the 18 books, nothing was purchased from half! Members ended up purchasing a bit over \$81.00 from this circuit.

The next APS Sales circuit will be the 5th Tuesday in September so make plans to attend.

October KPS Auction

The October KPS meeting will again have a live auction in honor of Stamp Collecting Month. Last year's was a hit with members and saw one of the largest numbers in attendance in a long time. Start planning what you want to sell. The auction form and instructions are provided in this newsletter. All proceeds go to the seller, so get ready to sell your unwanted stamps – and bid on more!

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 1

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Going to a Stamp Show

Large or small, stamp shows have a great attraction for me, and I was fortunate to attend two in the month of August. Early in the month, Gerald Schroedl and I headed up to Pittsburgh for Stamp Show, the annual fall show of the American Philatelic Society. As you can see from the photo, it was a big show, and it had great exhibits and many dealers. I got to see the other newsletters in the newsletter competition and was pleased with our gold award. Charles Klintstiver was there, looking for a key auction lot, former KPS member Paul Philips was there, and Stu Hanlein headed to Pittsburgh at the end for the post-show Precancel Society meeting.



Bill Muenzer's annual summer bourse was a treat, and some of our best Knoppex dealers were there. I enjoyed chatting with Forest Conklin, Harry Brooks, Charlie Wade, and Randy and Russ Haese, who were busy with a table of free stamps and demonstrations that attracted a lot of interest from young and older collectors. We also enlisted four new members, and I hope it was a successful show for Bill!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Here are the results of our survey on what members like about our club and how we could improve it. I received replies from 31 of our 70 members - a very good response rate. Of the responses, 7 came from people who can only attend meetings less than 5 times a year. The reason cited most often for not being able to attend meetings was distance. When asked about attending a Saturday meeting, 21 members said they would be interested. A dozen of these preferred a Saturday afternoon meeting, while 16 members said they could attend anytime.

When asked how the regular meetings could be improved, the largest response was to keep the business part short (16 members), followed by adding a silent auction (8 members), more audio/video presentations (5 members), and 4 members suggested adding games, puzzles and contests. We had one excellent „OTHER“ suggestion to have a „clothesline exhibit“ once a year, with one to three page exhibits. This sounds like a good way to learn about exhibiting and to share your area of interest with other members.

When asked if they will attend Knoppex 2010, 27 members answered „yes“ and 2 members answered „maybe.“ Our one „no“ response was from our member moving out of the country, so he is excused. Three members expressed an interest in exhibiting at Knoppex this year and 8 members were considering it. Sixteen members found the APS Sales Books a useful way to add to their collections. It looks like we can expect 28 to 34 people to show up for this year's Christmas party, so it should be a blast. Finally, when asked to rank this newsletter 27 rated it „Excellent“ and 2 as „very good.“ I want to thank all of the members who participated in this survey.

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 4, 2009

Preceding the meeting, there were many auction lot stamps, covers, and lots available for people to trade or buy. At 6:30, Bruce Roberts led the first class of “How to Exhibit” for those interested.

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Dinwiddie at 7:20 PM. There were 27 members present. Stephen Floyd and his family will be departing to go back to Papua New Guinea, where they are missionaries. We wish them the best and hope they will return again. It was good to see Jean Byrne after a long absence. The treasurer’s report shows a balance of \$6113.37.

APS Representative Jim Pettway presented newsletter editor, Tom Broadhead, with a Gold Award from the APS for the Newsletter. Congratulation for a job well done, Tom! Past-President Roy Row announced that Hobby Lobby is having a 30% off sale on collecting supplies for a limited time. Also he recently met the curator at the Lincoln Museum who was very pleased with the activities, covers, and participation at Knospex ‘09. Roy also mentioned that there is an exhibit at the Blount County Library.

Bruce Roberts mentioned that Russ and Randy Haese organized the loose stamps that the club purchased at the Regency Auction, and now they are in good order and ready for people to view and buy. They also have placed the covers in cover albums so they are easier to view. Many thanks to Russ and Randy for all their hard work!

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The program was by Joe Kirker, who gave the answers to the stamp quiz that members have been working on for two months. No one got them all correct, so the C18 prize was unclaimed. However, Joe gave out copies of the first edition of the American Philatelist to members with the most correct answers:, including Forrest Conklin, Thomas Lane, and Stu Hanlein. Following the program, a lively discussion was held on other ways we could use the quiz, including having an online competition through the Southeast Federation.

There was a short discussion of places that we could meet for a Saturday Get-Together. Suggestions were The Maryville First Christian Church, A Community Center (Shannondale in Maryville was suggested), McClung Museum, and others. These places will be checked out, and a decision made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15, and shopping and visiting continued until 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Secretary

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Stamp of the Month

The 20 cent value showing a Cocos-Keeling schooner on a stamp of Singapore (Scott 36) is this month’s stamp. Issued September 4, 1955, it is part of a definitive set, in which the

low values have pictures of boats and ships seen around Singapore and the Malay Peninsula. A British colony for more than 100 years, the island is now an independent nation. These stamps were donated by Thomas Lane.

Chasing Those Tiny Envelopes

By Tom Broadhead

The term “vest pocket” used to be common in our hobby, and it referred usually to a dealer who kept the sales stock in just a few stock cards that could fit conveniently into the pocket of a coat or vest. Our hobby is a very portable one, and I bet that at the same time there were “vest pocket collectors,” who were so specialized that they could carry the most important parts of their collections similarly. Several years ago, I began collecting visiting card (or carte-de-visite) envelopes from France – maybe I am now a vest-pocket postal history collector.

These tiny envelopes typically contained a visiting card, with the sender’s name engraved on it. From the 1850’s until the 1970’s, the French post office had special discounted rates for these, and it has been fun trying to find examples of each of more than 100 different rates. I wrote an article that appeared in last September’s *American Philatelist*. I was completely amazed when my article was the cover story and even more so when it was chosen the best article in *American Philatelist* for 2008. My trip to Stamp Show in Pittsburgh was all the more rewarding, and I got to meet Barbara Mueller, a legendary philatelic author and editor, for whom my award is named.

Here, I want to share with you some of my recent “finds.” The earliest example shown here was mailed from France in 1924, addressed to General Johnson Hagood in Washington, DC, then forwarded to Manila in the Philippine Islands. I have e-mailed a specialist on U.S. military in the Philippines to find out what the camp indicated in pencil was.

Another recently acquired visiting card envelope is the one shown below, addressed at the end of World War II to the Central Agency for Prisoners of War of the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland.



At the left edge, the envelope was slit open, the contents examined, and resealed with paper tape. The oval hand stamp says that it was opened by military authority. The envelope was mailed a little more than a month after VE Day on May 8, 1945 and has postage to cover the sealed letter rate.

Some of my greatest collecting challenges are in the period after World War II, when rates changed frequently. My third “treasure” is the envelope at right, which shows the 6 franc foreign rate for an unsealed envelope containing only a printed card, with no handwritten message.

Keep an eye out for these little gems. For now, I need to get a vest with bigger pockets.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 1

You Never Know What You Will Find at the Local Stamp Show

By Bruce Roberts

I went to Bill Muenzer's stamp show on August 15, little knowing that I would find a new facet of one of my collecting areas – revenue stamps with complete dates from October 1862 to December 31, 1967. I went to Bill's show expecting to find a few new dates in dealers' stocks, and I managed to find about 40 that I didn't already have. But at Tony Rosen's table (Stamps Unlimited of Georgia) I discovered a type of dated revenue I had never seen. It was one of the Match & Medicine series of privately printed stamps used on products. These were first produced during the Civil War and later during the Spanish American War. I usually don't bother to look in this section because M&M stamps were not required to have dates applied to them, as were Federal revenue stamps.

Tony had a US 1894 Bureau issue overprinted medicine stamp, RS312, overprinted with "Dr. K & Co./I.R./Binghamton, N.Y./7-11-98." Then I



discovered in the Scott U.S. Specialized catalog this group of stamps that qualified for my collection. When taxes were enacted and the battleship tax stamps for the Spanish American War were issued, the law required that the stamps

be used on all products covered beginning July 1, 1898. However, Dr. Kilmer & Co. in Binghamton, NY, had not received the new stamps and had a lot of products to ship. Faced with losses if their goods were not shipped and penalties if they were shipped without revenue stamps, Kilmer created private overprints that were applied to existing postage stamps. The overprints are known on the 1¢ green Franklin (Scott 279), 2¢ carmine (Scott 267a) and 2¢ red (Scott 279Be) Washington, and the 3¢ Jackson (Scott 268). These stamps are known only with the dates of July 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14, after which the Battle Ship revenues apparently arrived.

I am really excited to add a new (but expensive) element to my hunt for dated revenues. I am now on the chase. You never know what new things will turn up in this old hobby!

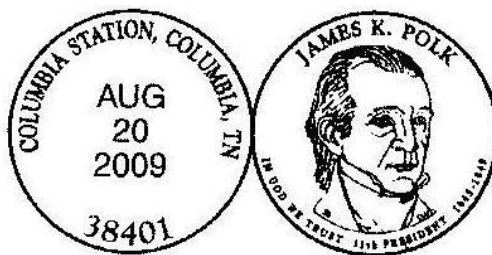
(Editor's note: Learn more about Bruce's interest in dated revenue stamps com in his January 2006 KPS Newsletter article, "I have a date with a revenue stamp," on the KPS newsletter archives at the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs web site – www.stampclubs.com.)

KPS Exhibiting Seminars

Learn how fun and easy it can be to become a philatelic exhibitor. Bruce Roberts has started his second annual series of exhibiting seminars, 6:30 pm on the evenings of regular KPS meetings. It's not too late to join this exciting way of sharing your interests in stamps and philately.

Polk Postal Cancel with New \$1 Coin

Linn's editor Jay Bigalke reports a new postal cancel, issued on August 20, along with the \$1 presidential dollar coin honoring Tennessean, James K. Polk, 11th President of the United States. To request the cancel, send your covers to Columbia Station, 417 W. Seventh St., Columbia, TN 38401-9998.



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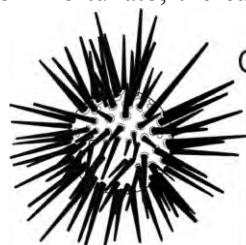
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Stamp Collecting Month

Yes, it's that month of the year when we owe it to ourselves and our collections to swap and trade, buy and sell, and enjoy or hobby. Making last year's successful club auction a "tradition" by repeating it this year, we can look forward to a lively October KPS meeting.

If you haven't yet put together your auction lots, you have only a few days left. Remember to fill out the auction form that appeared in the August KPS news and bring your lots (up to 10) and form early to the meeting. Bruce Roberts and I will do our usual "tag-team" auction. Don't be shy – bid freely. Remember that there is no sales commission to the club, as we have at Knospex, and all proceeds go to the lot owners. It's a great opportunity to sell individual stamps of modest value, and many of those sold briskly last year.

To cap off Stamp Collecting Month, we will again be using the official APS cancel shown below. Designed by APS Chapter Activities Chair and Webmaster, Tom Fortunato, the cancel shows a spiny sea urchin,



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one of the key animals in the kelp forest ecosystem depicted on the associated stamps. Look for it on your November KPS News, which will be mailed October 20.

Have a happy October. I'll see you at the auction!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

After asking the members for suggestions, researching ideas, and finally voting, the Knoxville Philatelic Society committed early to have our annual Holiday Dinner and Get-Together at Mama Blues located at 9645 Kingston Pike in West Knoxville. It was nice to see the club take this action early in the season so that we could get our first choice in locations. Unfortunately, the owners of Mama Blues, claiming a needed response to the recession, changed the name from the trendy sounding "Mama Blues" to the no-frills moniker "Five Dollar Buffet." Not a very mouth watering name in anybody's book. Immediately the quality and selection went into a nose dive according to reviews I read online and the restaurant went from being "the best southern buffet in Knoxville (to) the worst buffet in Knoxville," according to stella698340 on the website Urbanspoon Knoxville. So it is not surprising that this restaurant has now closed its doors. That's right; the Restaurant Gods have teamed up with the Philatelic Gods and intervened on our behalf to save us from having to spend an evening at the ill-fated \$5 Buffet. Now of course the bad news; we don't have a location for our Christmas Party. The KPS Board will meet on September 29th and this issue will be of the highest priority. The three immediate choices that come to mind are Ramsey's Cafeteria, The Mandarin House, or a pot-luck dinner at our normal meeting location at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Other ideas may also be presented. The biggest problem will be finding a location with a room free in early December at this late date. So, stay tuned to find out the new location for our party and wish us luck in finding one at this late date.

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 4, 2009

The KPS met at the TVUUC for the regular monthly meeting. Several members had items to sell, or trade, and the lots purchased from the auction were available as well. Bruce Roberts conducted his class on Exhibiting at Stamp Shows before the regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Stu Hanlein, Vice President, at 7:20 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Thomas Lane gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$6042.49. There were 26 members and visitors in attendance.

Jim Pettway mentioned that our newsletter editor, Tom Broadhead, needs articles for the newsletter. Please contact Tom at tomwb50@aol.com with your ideas and plans to write an article. Jim also gave a report on Bill Muenzer's recent stamp bourse. Our club hosted the beginner's table, and signed up four new members.

Bruce Roberts announced that Charlie Wade has organized the Canadian stamps purchased in the recent auction lots for the club. Randy and Russ Haese have priced all the single stamps, and all items are available for purchase.

Charles Klintstiver presented the program on US Proofs, beginning with a history of the proofs, and a very interesting talk explaining all the facets of collecting these items, from the papers and materials

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used, trial color proofs, plate proofs to the gray-back, yellow paper, and hybrid proofs. He passed around many examples, and we got to examine them closely. Following the presentation, there was a period of Q & A. Thanks for a wonderful program, Charles!

There will be a Fifth Tuesday Meeting this month, September 28, with the Board meeting at 6 p.m. and Buy-Sell-Trade with the KPS auction lots and APS sales circuits at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20, with plenty of time to buy, examine, trade, and talk STAMPS!

Respectfully submitted,

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Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is from Switzerland (Scott 332), the 20 centime value in a 1945 series of stamps that focused on themes of resources, energy, and transportation. The Scott catalog mentions two varieties – one with "three lines above the curved rock" and the other with "two lines above the curved rock." The first catalogs for about 300 times the value of the second. Which one did you get?

These stamps were donated by Thomas Lane.

Smoky Mountain Stamp Connections

By Tom Broadhead

On the weekend of June 13-15, 2009, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park celebrated its 75th anniversary. Details of the history of the park may be found in the timeline at <http://greatsmokies75th.org>. It recounts early plans, the acquisition of land, the June 15, 1934 act of Congress establishing the park, and many other important historical milestones. As one of the newest national parks at the time, the Smokies were especially fortunate to be chosen for the high value in the 1934 national parks issue, with the 10 cent stamp issued on October 8. The



first day cover shown at left is postmarked in Sevierville, with a boxed slogan "Gatlinburg Rural Station."

This would not be the last appearance of this spectacularly beautiful stamp. The following year, imperforate sheets of the entire national parks stamps

were issued to satisfy collector demand and dampen criticism of Postmaster General Farley's previous special issues that had not been widely available.

Then, on August 26, 1937, the design appeared again in a souvenir sheet issued for the annual meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans. The sheet was first issued at the SPA convention, and the cachet below has the SPA logo, in addition to the Asheville, NC date stamp with S.P.A. Convention cancellation. Just three years later, the park was officially dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt.



A full sixty-nine years passed before another Smoky Mountain stamp appeared. This one is part of the scenic American landscapes air mail series begun in 1999. The 2006 stamp looks entirely like an artist's impression, but in fact is based on a photograph taken from Clingmans Dome by California photographer, David Muench (www.usps.com). The park continues to be one of the most popular in the nation and is famous for its free admission. If you get excited about anniversaries and celebrations of great events by postage stamps, like I do, you may be surprised to know that there were no plans to wait until the park's 75th anniversary this year. So, there is the story of Smoky Mountain stamps. Or is it? Turn to the next page for the latest chapter!"



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Imagine my surprise when I did a Google search for Smoky Mountain stamps that I found several images produced for sale on the photo-stamps web site of Zazzle.com. A search of its website turned up a



whole page of Smoky Mountain designs, all of which can be purchased from that company. Here are a few that I thought were particularly attractive.

The one below is reminiscent of the 2006 U.S. stamp with the sunset design. So, there you have our nearby great park, shown in stamps.



Happy Birthday, Jean!

KPS member, Jean Byrne reached one of life's milestones on September 26, with the celebration of her 90th birthday. A member for many years,



Jean devoted a huge effort to the organization of the KPS constitution and by-laws. Another important event of 1919 was the U.S. World War I victory stamp, issued on March 3.

It has been great to see Jean at recent KPS meetings, and she hopes that we may soon have a Saturday meeting or two in Maryville.

\$\$ Price for US New Issues \$\$

If you collect all United States new postal issues, stamps, envelopes, and postal cards, by the end of this year, the price will have jumped \$20, and not just because of postal rate increases. A recent article in *Linn's Stamp News* reported that it will cost \$134.71 to purchase a mint copy of each new issue, the largest total in the 19 years that *Linn's* has kept track this statistic. Most of the increase is for postal stationery – envelopes and postal cards – which will cost collectors \$61.86.

2012 AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta

The APS winter show, AmeriStamp Expo, will be held in Atlanta early in 2012. An exhibiting focus for this show is single frame (16 page) exhibits. Start planning your exhibits!

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Childhood Memories

The “Early TV Memories” stamps, featured on Ralph Dinwiddie’s cachet envelop that mailed the September KPS News brought back great memories of my early TV viewing in the 1950’s. Now some of those classic shows can be viewed again at the web site of the Museum of Broadcast Communications. In its October 12, 2009 issue, Linn’s Stamp News reported that episodes of the 20 shows can be viewed at www.museum.tv/newssection.php?page+529.

That’s a lot of web address to type, so don’t make a mistake, and you will be rewarded with shows like



The Phil Silvers Show in which “a comedian visits Bilko’s regiment.” What? How can you tell which one was a comedian when all the cast members were comedians?

When the featured episode of the “Dinah Shore Chevy Show” aired in 1959, I was a young lad of 9, but I remember wanting to “See the USA in your Chevrolet” with the lovely Miss Shore throwing her kisses right and left.



For me, those really were the good old days, and let me recall the times watching TV as a family – and on Sunday nights at the grandparents until we purchased a set in 1955. Happy trails to you and happy stamp collecting

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

After the very successful completion of our annual club auction it’s a good time to start setting our collecting sights on KnoxPex 2010. The club’s annual stamp show and exhibit are only 4 months away and there’s plenty for each collector to be doing to prepare to take maximum advantage of this event. First, and most important is to put March 6-7 on your calendar. Of course it would help to set aside a little money every so often so you are ready for that once in a blue moon find to add to your collection. And let’s not forget one of the most helpful tools for you to take with you to the show; your *wantlist*. A good wantlist makes it easy to know which items you would like to add to your collection. It may also help to prioritize your wantlist. If you are just starting out in a new area or one that is not well defined, perhaps it would be easier to have a list of the items you already have in your collection. That will prevent you from buying an item you already have. This may seem obvious, but a little homework can pay off big. KnoxPex is not just for purchasing items from the dealers. We also have an excellent auction every year with dozens of items going up for bid. So don’t forget to preview the lots before the time of the auction and make a list of those you are interested in bidding on, how high you are willing to go, and prioritize your list. Remember, you can also use the auction to sell some of your unwanted items. Maybe you discovered some duplicates or are getting into a new area. So why not pass these items on to someone else who would appreciate them and use the proceeds to expand the area you are now interested in more. And finally now is the time to assemble your exhibit to show your fellow collectors what it is that interests you. It’s not too early to prepare for KnoxPex.

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 6, 2009

The KPS met at the TVUUC for the regular monthly meeting. Following an hour of viewing auction lots, purchasing from APS circuit books, and Bruce's Exhibit Class, the meeting was called to order by President Ralph Dinwiddie at 7:00 p.m. There were 24 members and 1 visitor present. The only order of business was a vote on a place for our December banquet, due to the closure of the previously reserved place. After two rounds of voting, it was decided to meet at the Mandarin House, site of last year's dinner. Minutes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter, and the September Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$6156.45.

The live auction was fast-paced, and included many club lots. Almost 100 lots were offered, and 60 lots were sold for a total of \$371.55. Of this total, \$162.25 went to the club from the sale of club lots, the rest went to the owners of the other lots. The auction concluded, and all transactions were settled by 8:50. A very exciting, enjoyable evening was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Secretary

KPS Board Meeting – September 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Stu Hanlein at 6:15. There were 6 officers and board members present. In consideration of Knorpex 2010, it was noted that we need a Show Chairperson. Jim Pettway is Bourse Chairman. Bruce is Exhibit Chairman, and requested permission to again purchase an

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“Exhibitors Handbook” for the best exhibit award. The board approved that purchase and discussed finding ways to get more people to visit the exhibits.

Thomas Lane announced that, since the \$5 Buffet has closed, we need a place for the December meeting and dinner. Stu and Thomas will investigate, and it will be decided at the regular meeting.

Bruce mentioned that there is a possible conflict between Knorpex 2012 and the APS show in Atlanta. Stu brought up the topic of Saturday meeting plans, but nothing was decided. Bruce announced that he will have club lots from the club's auction purchases in the auction next week. So far, we have recovered \$582 from our investment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and was followed by the traditional swap and trade and the viewing and purchasing from the APS Circuit Sales books.

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Stamp of the Month



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A Night at the Auction

The second annual KPS “Stamp Collecting Month” live auction was another great success, establishing this event as a “tradition.” In addition to selling, bidding, and shuttling lots to the auctioneers, Jim Pettway chronicled the action in the photos below.



Prospective buyers examined nearly 100 lots in the minutes before the auction. Bruce Roberts, our traditional co-auctioneer, got a good price on a group of covers from Bettie Anne Logan’s estate.



Stu Hanlein kept things organized on the sales side, while buyers waited for their favorite lots.



Charles Stinnett and grandson Alex were active buyers, and Thomas Lane and Jo Mynatt handled the accounts.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, November 3

Economical Starter Albums

By Charlie Wade

As with all stamp collectors I have a budget for my collecting interest. I spend most of my budget on US stamps; however, I've about reached the limits of purchasing power for my "US Want List." I am now looking at other countries or topics to enhance my collection. One can find a number of starter packets for countries at reasonable prices. But buying albums for starter collections can be expensive.

There is a very economical way to get albums for starter collections: the *Scott e-Worldwide Album*. This album is available on CD ROM or online. It covers 375 countries from Abu Dhabi to Zimbabwe with 728 pages containing over 10,000 black and white stamp images. The illustrations contain the “face different” stamps that most beginning or intermediate collectors would find, and each illustration is marked with the Scott catalogue number.



The album has a summary description of pertinent geographical, political and economic information of most countries:

- Location
- Type of Government
- Area
- Population
- Capital
- Language
- Currency

One more advantage of this album is that selected country pages can be printed. You could develop a specialty album for British colonies, Eastern Europe, or the Caribbean. One could even cut and paste illustrations to layout your own topical pages. To print the album, you can order Scott chemically inert

archival printer paper and a Scott e-series binder is available. But in keeping with a low cost objective, high quality chemically inert paper can be found at office supply stores at lower prices. A high quality 3-ring binder can be used with the printable full-color album cover inserted on the front.

An e-album starter set including the CD-ROM, printer paper and album binder is available from Amos Advantage for about \$30.00. But online access to the album software is included with a subscription to the e-version of *Linn's Stamp News*. An annual subscription for this on-line service cost \$10.00, but *Linn's* often offers a free trial subscription. All told, Scott's *e-World Album* is ideally suited for beginner or intermediate collectors and offers an economical way to expand your collection.

New Museum Exhibit

KPS member Gerald Schroedl (below) is curator for the recently opened exhibit, "Discovering American Indian Art," at the Frank H. McClung Museum on the University of Tennessee campus. The exhibit explores nearly two centuries of art forms and cultural traditions from coast to coast and north to south.



In addition to his philatelic activities, Gerald is an archeologist and professor of anthropology at UT. The museum is open free to the public and this exhibit is on display until January 10, 2010 – don't miss it. <http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu>

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It's All About Paper!

Philately is a paper-based hobby, and despite the fact that we can use the internet to view images and make purchases, we're all about paper. In the September 2009 issue of *The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle*, <http://stampclubs.com/news/chattanooga/NLSEPT09.pdf>, editor and publisher Willis Monk writes that he can no longer afford the cost of printing the club's newsletter and suggests that the only alternative is to go entirely electronic. He raises important points about rising costs, but I'm sad to think that this very attractive and informative newsletter will no longer be available to members by mail.

Newsletters are acts of love from those who write, edit, and produce them. I feel fortunate to have KPS members who send me articles for KPS News, and the attractive format and the cachet each month would just not be possible without Ralph Dinwiddie's talent, interest and commitment. When we were preparing the November newsletter to make the October 20 special postmark date, Ralph e-mailed me that he had started the printer one morning before work to print one side of the sheet and then drove home over his lunch hour to start printing the reverse side. Designing and printing the cachets is another enormous task that Ralph does for our benefit. For the last few months, I have collected the newsletter materials from Ralph to assemble for mailing – it's a 7-step process that takes about 3 hours.

My hat is off to Willis Monk in Chattanooga and to the many stamp club newsletter editors and publishers around the world. I hope that their societies will step up with the financial support that KPS has generously shown in order to provide members with one of the things that we all crave and collect – *PAPER!*

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

About a year ago I had the opportunity to visit the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History located on the campus of Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts, about 30 minutes from downtown Boston. The museum brings together the Cardinal Spellman Collection and the collection of the National Philatelic Museum previously located in Philadelphia. It is also home to an outstanding philatelic library housing thousands of handbooks, pamphlets, postal service publications, trade catalogues, philatelic exhibition catalogues, auction catalogues, and philatelic periodicals.

The local stamp club also meets there, and I was lucky enough to meet with its president. We talked about ways to increase membership in our clubs and attendance at our meetings. He said that many of their members were unable to come to club meetings because they had other business to attend to or were unable to drive at night. So, to give these members the chance to attend meetings they began to hold Saturday meetings in addition to their regular evening meetings.

I thought this was a good idea for KPS to try. So we will start with quarterly Saturday meetings and see how they go. The current plan is to hold these meetings at different locations around the Knoxville area to give those who can't drive far, a chance to attend a meeting. **Our first Saturday meeting will be held at the Frank H. McClung Museum on the UT campus on January 9th.** This meeting will have a full program and opportunities to buy stamps for your collection. Feel free to bring a show-and-tell item to discuss with fellow members. We plan to start the meeting at 1:00 and adjourn by 3:00.

See you there!

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 3, 2009

The KPS met at the TVUUC for its regular monthly meeting. Bruce Roberts conducted another exhibiting class at 6:30, and members shopped some more from the lots that KPS purchased at the Regency Auction earlier in the fall. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Dinwiddie at 7:30 p.m. There were 18 members and visitors present. Special best wishes for good health are offered to Tom Copas and Bill Muenzer.

Not all members had received their November newsletters, which were delivered to the post office on October 20, and one member received a large envelope with at least 5 other members' newsletters! The club authorized \$50 for software needed by newsletter publisher Ralph Dinwiddie. Jim Pettway has the contract with Holiday Inn for Knoxpex 2010. Roy Row will be the Show Chair, but we still need an auction chair.

Treasurer Thomas Lane announced that the club earned \$163.25 from donated lots and other club lots at the October live auction. Sales of stamps and covers from the Regency Auction purchase have surpassed \$700, so far covering 50% of the cost. Unsold items from that purchase will be offered in the Knoxpex 2010 auction.

Members were reminded that our December meeting and holiday dinner will be at Mandarin House, and the cost will be \$10 per person. Discussion of Saturday meetings continued, with a possible date of January 9 for the first.

Charlie Wade gave a beautifully illustrated program about the National Postal Museum in Washington, DC. Founded in 1886 as the National Philatelic Collection, the museum now has more than 13 million items and has

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Annual dues are \$15.00.

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Requests for information and submissions of articles and short notes of philatelic interest for the news-letter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

been located since 1993 in the old Washington City post office building. Learn more at <http://postalmuseum.si.edu>.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Broadhead, substitute Secretary

KPS Holiday Party – December 1

It's that time again to celebrate a great year for KPS and enjoy a good dinner with friends. This year, we will again meet at Mandarin House, 8111 Gleason Dr. at 6:00. The buffet will cost \$10 (cash only) per member and guest, and KPS will pick up the difference. Bring a philatelic or nonphilatelic gift – not more than \$5.00 – for the gift exchange.

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

December 1 – KPS monthly meeting and annual holiday dinner – Mandarin House, 8111 Gleason Dr. Gift exchange (bring a gift that costs not more than \$5.00).

December 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – trade and swap, APS Circuit Books, KPS Auction lot sales at 7:00; KPS Board Meeting at 6:00.

January 4 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Tom Broadhead on French rarities and forgeries.

January 9 – KPS Saturday meeting at the McClung Museum at UT, 1:00-3:00. **NEW!**

February 2 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Tom Ringenbach – stay tuned for the topic.

March 2 – KPS monthly meeting and final preparations for Knoxpex 2010.

March 6-7 – Knoxpex 2010. The KPS annual show will feature the theme of the Centennial of the Boy Scouts of America and will be held at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Rd.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a "what's-it" from Colombia. It looks like a stamp, but lacks the word "correos" – Spanish for "post." The inscription "Ley 128 de 1941 – Fondo de Catastro" refers to a legislative decree of December 13, which specified export controls on



coffee and strategic materials, including platinum following the outbreak of World War II. We'll try to find out if it was a war tax or revenue stamp – stay

tuned. These historical items are part of the Regency Auction lots purchased for KPS.

It's Time to Exhibit - What Do Judges Want in an Exhibit?

By Bruce Roberts

Who are philatelic judges? To be an American Philatelic Society accredited judge, a person must first win at least a National Vermeil Medal with an exhibit, but most judges have won gold medals and even Grand Awards. They have the experience as exhibitors to know exactly what an exhibitor has to go through to acquire material, put together an exhibit, spend hours worrying over the tiny details, editing and redoing pages.

Being a judge will not make you wealthy! Judges tend to absorb many of the costs of attending a show from their own pockets. They are paid an honorarium, which may cover their air fare or their hotel, but not all costs. And the money they spend on their judging is money they cannot spend on their collections and exhibits, but judges frequently are seen buying from dealers – after the judging is finished.

Finally, judges are overworked. At last count there were only about 125 nationally accredited APS judges!

When an exhibitor prepares an exhibit for competition, it must be prepared to be viewed and evaluated by people who are experienced exhibitors, knowledgeable philatelists, who are donating their own time and some of their own money, and who may be somewhat overworked.

Here are some important points that judges will expect and will be disappointed not to find:

- 1) **Perfect grammar.** No misspellings, no white out, no “grammar gremlins.” Anything less may cost you points in the judging.
- 2) **Truth.** Judges may know more than you do about the subject you are showing. Even if they don't, they know a great deal more than you might think, because they borrow references to learn more about your topic. Never put anything on the page as a fact unless you are sure it is true. You can speculate, and probably should to make your point, but you must let the viewer know that is what you are doing.
- 3) **Material in the best condition you can afford.** Of course there are unique items that exist only in damaged condition (such as the famous British Guiana 1 cent which is trimmed at the corners), but if you are showing anything remotely affordable, get the very best. This is critical for any common stamp.
- 4) **A title page that explains the purpose of the exhibit, defines a scope, and indicates the layout of the exhibit.** I have covered the title page in a previous seminar. Be sure that the title page indicates how to find the “gems” of your exhibit.
- 5) **Philatelic Knowledge.** Even if you are showing a topic and devote space for the stamps to illustrate the topic, you must know about and explain the stamps or covers you are showing. A beautiful exhibit explaining the life and range of honey bees would do poorly if the stamps were never mentioned in the text. And see 2 above for anything you say about the material.
- 6) **Completeness.** To win at the National level you should have all or nearly all the material that exists in your area. Cost may be your only constraint. If you leave out an item that is relatively common, the Judges will find fault with that part of your exhibit.
- 7) **Consistency of Style.** The paper you mount on, the font styles on the pages, the mounting material, the way you emphasize your best material, all must be absolutely uniform throughout the exhibit. Trust me, if you use paper from several different lots, when you stand back from your frames, the shades of white of different papers will stand out like beacons.



Bruce Roberts (center) talks with Paul Wennermark (left), Knoxpex 2009 exhibit winner and Forest Conklin (right) about Forest's developing exhibit on joint issues.

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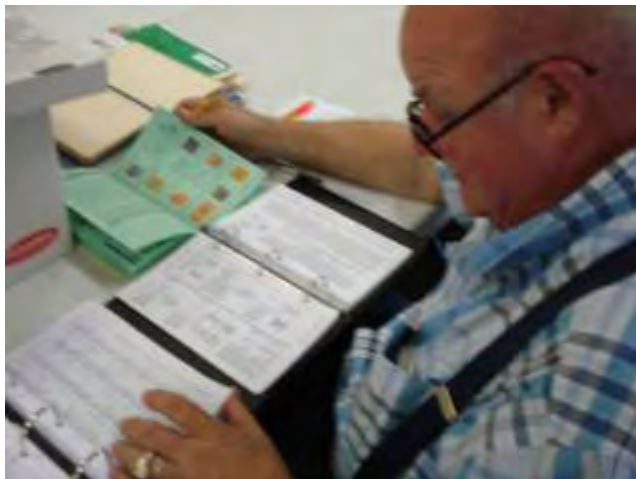
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- 8) **Flow.** Pages and their contents should follow each other in a logical way that is easy to follow. If there are transitions in the exhibit, they need to be highlighted so that judges do not find themselves reading a page and wondering what just happened in the story.
- 9) **A beginning and an end.** Explain why the exhibit starts where it does and why it ends where it does. You may think this is self-evident, but it still needs to be explained.

APS Sales Circuit Books

By Jim Pettway

You just never know how things will turn out. I was not pleased with the selection of circuit books from the APS in September. Most of the books had been picked through three or more times before they got to the KPS, not leaving a lot from which to choose. But at least two members found plenty of stamps to add to their collections making the circuit a success. We had 8 members purchase nearly \$130.00 from 19 books. Not bad, and about 50% more sales than last month. And had there been more U.S. precancels the sales would have been even better. Stu Hanlein and Ralph Dinwiddie had only a small part of one book of precancels from which to make selections.



Stu Hanlein gave the APS circuit books of precancels a thorough going over in September.

Then there was Charlie Wade who added greatly to his Great Britain and British Commonwealth collection. Richard Erlich found a few U.S. stamps to add to his collection, and he is HARD to please

when it comes to purchasing very fine material. Add to this the conversations and storytelling and we had a really good evening. And that's what it's all about!

Mark your calendar a new set of sales books at the next Fifth Tuesday meeting, December 29.

There Will Be a New Boy Scout Stamp

In a November 5 press release, reported in Linn's Stamp News in its November 23 issue, the US Postal Service finally announced that there will be a scouting commemorative stamp next year. The Linn's article speculated that it will be a general scouting stamp showing both boy and girl scouts, but the actual USPS design unveiling November 12 shows images of male scouts. (image © USPS)



The new stamp will be issued in July during the Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, and it is reported that President Obama has signed legislation authorizing a Girl Scout centennial stamp for 2012.

Dues Are Due!

Don't forget to pay your annual KPS dues for 2010. A check or cash and the enclosed renewal form will be graciously accepted by treasurer, Thomas Lane.

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