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Kick Off to Knorpex 2010

Are you ready for one of the greatest local stamp shows on Earth? It's that time to begin making preparations for our annual show, which will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

So far, our show is publicized on the web with the American Philatelic Society (www.stamps.org), and will appear in the January *American Philatelist*. Stay tuned for our ad in *Linn's Stamp News* early in the year and local news media close to show time.

Show Chair Roy Row will need all of us to pitch in and help, so don't forget to volunteer for things like frame set-up and take down, beginner table activities, and the live auction. Ralph Dinwiddie is working on cachet and cancel designs to go with our selected stamps: the 1950 Boy Scout 50th anniversary and the 41 cent flag coil that give the impression of the scouts saluting the flag.



There is much that remains to be done, and your help is needed. Come to the January and February KPS meetings prepared to pick some times and tasks to help make our show again a huge success. And don't forget our dealers – next month's newsletter will have a list for you to contact about those must-have stamps from your want list.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Standing on the doorstep of a new year it's natural to take a quick look over the shoulder at 2009. Last year was a good year for the Knoxville Philatelic Society. We had many great programs presented by our members. Bruce Roberts gave a very informative series on how to prepare an exhibit. Knorpex 2009 was very successful with exhibits, a show cancel and cachet, and auction. Our meetings were well attended, and there were plenty of stamps to view and purchase at the 5th Tuesday meetings. The purchase of a large auction lot allowed members to obtain great bargains on stamps and covers. The club had an awesome auction in October and a special stamp collecting month cancel. Members were mailed 12 issues of our award winning newsletter with many interesting articles contributed by our members and a free Stamp-of-the-Month, all mailed in a cacheted envelope franked by a current commemorative stamp. Each member also received a special inaugural cover in the mail this past spring and a tied Christmas Seal last month. And finally, our end of year holiday party was a great time for our members with food, music, a video about how stamps are designed, and a gift exchange.

All this was possible due to the efforts of our members. I want to thank everybody for making 2009 a huge success and a lot of fun. Now, let's move into the new year and keep up the good work. In addition to all the activities you have become accustomed to, we will begin meeting on Saturday afternoons a few times this year. Our first Saturday meeting will be January 9th, 1:00 pm at the McClung Museum on the campus of the University of Tennessee. Later in the year we will have our first clothesline exhibit. More about that later. Happy New Year,

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 1, 2009

The KPS met at the Mandarin House restaurant for its December meeting and annual holiday celebration. After the meal, Jo Mynatt and her neighbor Ray Burchell serenaded the group with dulcimer duets, including accompaniments to the (mostly) tuneful KPS singers.



The lively gift exchange saw many philatelic and non-philatelic gifts, but with no “trends” as last year’s record nine magnifiers.



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Photos by Bruce Roberts and Jim Pettway

Knoxpex Auction Chair Needed!

KPS members and Knoxpex visitors have had the enjoyment of a live auction at our annual show, and we need someone to coordinate it. For several years, Gerald Schroedl has been both Show Chair and Auction Chair, but this year he will be out of the country conducting archeological research. In anticipation of a volunteer, the Knoxpex 2010 auction form is included with this newsletter. We need someone with great organizational skills to step up and volunteer for this important job!

Upcoming Events

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

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.

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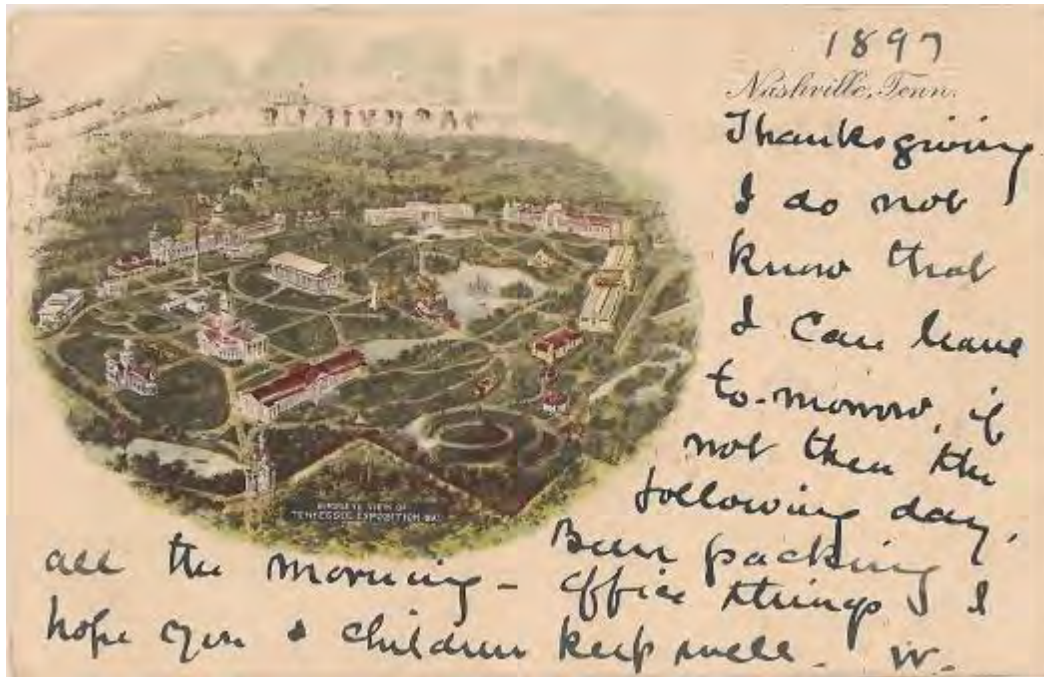
This month’s stamp is from a definitive series of stamps issued by the German Federal Republic (West Germany) in 1961. The series featured famous Germans, and this 20 pfennig denomination (Scott 829) shows a grim-faced image of Johann Sebastian Bach, one of the world’s greatest composers, who lived from 1685-1750.



The Tennessee Centennial Exposition of 1897

By Bob Toal

I bought this wonderful and rare card at the York (Pennsylvania) International Post Card Show in November. I have been chasing one of these for years to add to my postcard postal history collection/exhibit. This card is one of a set of 4 issued for the Nashville 1897 Tennessee Centennial Exposition that ran from May 1 to November 30, 1897.



The card shows an aerial view of the fairgrounds. It was common prior to 1907 for messages to be written on the picture sides of cards, so the message does not detract from the quality of this card. Also, prior to 1898, private postcards such as this had to be mailed at the letter rate of 2 cents, rather than one cent allowed after July 1, 1898. Note that the address side reads "Postal

Card," an illegal use of that term, which was reserved for government cards.

The Exposition was initially planned for 1896, but lack of funds and the likelihood of no available government appropriations (1896 was an election year!) postponed the event to 1897. The Exposition grounds were in West End (Centennial Park) on 200 acres in Nashville. Most of the 14 major buildings were circled around Lake Watauga, and it is said that there were 40 buildings in total. The centerpiece of the fair



was the Fine Arts Building built as a wood and stucco, full size replica of the Parthenon. Now one of Nashville's landmarks, the original building was replaced with a masonry structure completed in 1931. The fair was a success with 1,785,714 visitors. In 2008, Centennial Park was added to the National Registry of Historic Places. (cont. p. 4)

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 5

(cont from p. 3) Mail was collected throughout the Expo grounds and taken to Nashville, where a Centennial Station postmark was available. The card shown here does not have that marking and in fact was mailed in November 1897 after the fair closed. But who cares, its mine now!

There were 4 postcards produced in color: 1. Bird's Eye view (shown in this article); 2. Children's Building; 3. The Parthenon; 4. Women's Building. One reference states that these cards exist in black and white with blue tinted background. Three other references say that the cards are all colored. Keep your eye out and happy hunting! If you see one for sale in good condition buy it!

Oh yes, the York International Post Card show is the largest in the US and is always the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving. Dealers from the US and Europe are there. It is held at the York, Pennsylvania fairgrounds at the agricultural building. Mary Martin Limited (www.marylmartin.com) conducts the show.

1. Pioneer Postcards by J.R. Burdick
2. The Birth and Development of American Postcards by Dan Friedman
3. American Exposition Postcards by Fredric and Mary Megson
4. Postal Markings on United States Expositions by William J. Bomar.

(Editor's Note: Bob Toal is a former KPS president, who is a veterinary radiologist practicing in northern Virginia.)

Pettway Promotes KPS Success



The December 2009 issue of *American Philatelist*, the monthly magazine of the American Philatelic Society, features a "Letter to the Editor" from KPS membership chair and APS representative Jim Pettway.

Recent letters and columns in *American Philatelist* have brought attention to declining membership in APS and local clubs. Not true for KPS! Jim points out that in the last 4 years, our membership has doubled. He mentions many of our KPS programs, including Knoxpex, APS circuit sales, our newsletter, October auction, and our upcoming new Saturday meetings as benefits that we offer our members.

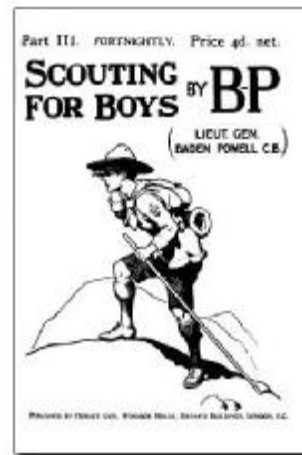
Dues Are Due!

Don't forget to pay your annual KPS dues for 2010. This will be the last newsletter you will receive if your dues are not paid by January 20. A check or cash and the membership renewal form enclosed in the December newsletter will be graciously accepted by treasurer, Thomas Lane, through the mail or in person at the January KPS monthly meeting!

New Scout Stamp Resembles 1908 Scouting Booklet

By Tom Broadhead

While surfing the net for information and pictures related to the Boy Scouts, I came across an image similar in general appearance to part of the new scouting stamp.



The cover of the British pamphlet was used two years later on a U.S. scouting handbook. I sent it off to *Linn's Stamp News*, and the image and my letter appear in the December 21 issue of *Readers' Opinions*. I think that it is quite a similar likeness. What do you think?

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Where We Live

As KPS continues to grow, it is great to see that many former Knoxville members have kept their membership, even after moving far away. Recently, I did a quick census of KPS member addresses. Not surprisingly, 39 – a little more than half our members – live in Knox County. But maybe that is surprising. It's great to know that we have 34 more distant members, many of whom come to Knospex each year, and some of whom make the occasional Tuesday evening drive to Knoxville for monthly and 5th Tuesday meetings.

In Tennessee, we have members from Maryville, Loudon, Clinton, Dandridge, Kodak, Sevierville, Louisville, Rutledge, Oak Ridge, Kingston, Lenoir City, Morristown, Crossville, Maynardville, Harriman, Walland, Gatlinburg, Harrogate, Bybee, Fairfield Glade, and even from the towns of New Johnsonville and Paris, which are west of Nashville!

Elsewhere in the US, Norm Carlevato has moved to Longmont, Colorado; Nicole Sanchez lives in Columbus, Georgia; Ron Sarson lives in West Liberty, Ohio; and Tony Torres lives in Borger, Texas. All four of those out of state members contributed a lot to KPS when they lived here, as program presenters and officers, and we thank them for their continued interest.



for its birds of paradise, shown here.

Our long distance record goes to Stephen Floyd, who after a few months in Knoxville is back in Papua New Guinea with his family, who are missionaries there. PNG is a tropical pacific nation known

President's Column

If you love learning about the various aspects of stamp and cover collecting then you've got to love all the philatelic resources available on the world wide web. I'm sure you are already aware of the American Philatelic Society's website and the one from *Linn's Stamp News*. And you have probably learned a lot from viewing items for sale at eBay, zillions of stamps, and various auction sites like Apfelbaum, Regency, H.R. Harmer, and Cherrystone. In addition, there are many specialist societies on the Web, such as, the American Air Mail Society, the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society, the United States Stamp Society, Precancel Stamp Society, China Stamp Society and hundreds more. But, did you know there are hundreds of philatelic related videos on www.YouTube.com? At our first Saturday meeting, Tom Broadhead took the group on a tour of some of the award winning philatelic videos on YouTube. If you go to the YouTube website and do a search for "philately" you will find over 250 videos on the subject. Some of these are approximately an hour long and contain lectures by experts on a particular subject. Others typically range in length from 3 minutes to 10 minutes.

Tom also showed us two videos that he made on stamps of Paris. One of these videos actually was chosen as runner up in the APS YouTube challenge. Another one of my favorite YouTube videos showed how to use paper repairing techniques to repair a roughly opened envelope. It was fascinating and well worth watching. I encourage you to do a Google search on your stamp collecting area of interest and take advantage of the numerous resources at your disposal.

Tom Broadhead

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 5, 2010

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Dinwiddie. There were 23 members and visitors in attendance.

Announcements were headed by the reminder that there will be a special Saturday KPS meeting on January 9 at the UT McClung Museum from 1 until 3 p.m. The final version of the Knoxpex 2010 cancel was shown. Bruce Roberts announced that this is the final night to purchase items from the club's auction lots before they go up for sale in the Knoxpex live auction. Knoxpex chair, Roy Row agreed to be auction chair for the show. Jim Pettway said that he now has 11 dealers and is looking for two more. All members were encouraged to submit exhibits for the show. Thomas Lane presented the treasurer's report, which showed an ending balance for the year of \$8801.80.

Tom Broadhead presented the program, which included two power point presentations prepared by members of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society for its annual meeting last year. One, by Ron Hill of Denver, featured the 1938 semipostal issue of France and colonies intended to raise funds for cancer research. The other, by Ed Grabowski, explained a skilled forgery of a cover from Madagascar.

Following the program, it was announced that Russ Haese was making available for loan to the membership a copy of the 2008 Scott Catalog on CD.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:05. Later, members were able to shop from the APS Circuit Sales Books.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Secretary

New Express, Priority Stamps & Rates

Regular postal rates won't increase in 2010, but some special classes of mail will. The new priority mail rate is \$4.90 for a flat rate envelope, down from \$4.95. Express mail is a bit confusing - \$18.30, up from \$17.50 for a flat rate piece, but as low as \$13.65 for a local delivery. The



new stamps show U.S. bridges in the artistic style seen over the last few years. The images also show birds in flight. The Mackinac bridge in

Michigan is on the priority stamp, and the Bixby Creek Bridge in California is shown on the express stamp. (image copyright, USPS 2010)

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, a 1960 French definitive (Scott 968) depicts “Marianne,” an allegorical figure for the French republic. Typically printed in lake (a shade of dark red) and gray, some images are light gray, dark gray, or violet gray. The 25 centime stamp paid the domestic rate for a letter weighing not more than 20 grams.



To Cut or Not To Cut – Collecting Postal Stationery

By Tom Broadhead

As a postal history collector, I am attracted to postal stationery – prestamped envelopes, postcards, and wrappers, with or without adhesive stamps added. Early in my collecting years, I was shown how to trim a “cut square” from a U.S. stamped envelope, and many U.S. envelopes are offered by dealers and auctions either as cut squares or “entires.” My interest in postal history gives me second thoughts about cut squares. The United States Postal Stationery Society’s web site, www.uspss.org, has a section called “Postal Stationery 101.” It advises that “Cut squares trimmed from corners of U. S. envelopes and wrappers may be saved if one is interested only in dies and paper types. Postal cards and foreign postal stationery are never collected as cut squares. Leave at least 5 to 10mm margin around the stamp design.”

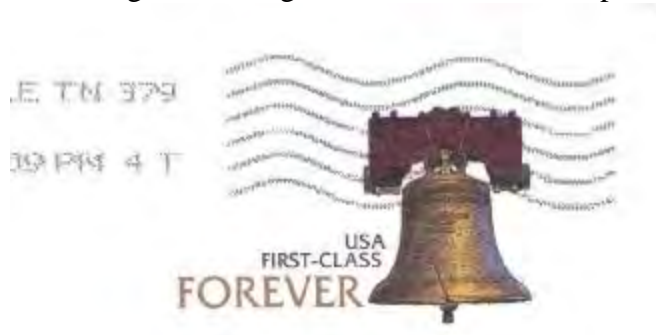
Just checking one postal stationery dealer, Postalstationery.com, I found some good examples, by price, of the differences in squares and entire envelopes. The example below at left is a full corner U42 priced at



\$300. Next to it is a mint cut square priced at \$140. They offer an entire, mint envelope for \$550. The Scott Catalog also distinguishes between cut squares and entires, but notice the premium price for the full corner example at far left. Many older collections will have examples of cut squares, but collecting the entire envelope or wrapper will always be preferable, even though storage will be a bit more bulky. Note, however, that the USPSS web site says that US postcards are never collected as cut

squares, and the Scott Catalog indicates the same.

I enjoy the postal envelopes of the last few years, and just recently have seen examples of the new “Forever” envelope (below right), which has a Liberty Bell design much larger than the forever stamp.



My recent surprise, shown below, was finding a priority mail imprinted envelope. I had heard about

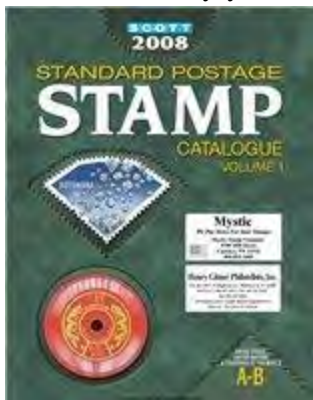


these, which feature the current priority mail stamp image instead of an adhesive stamp, but had not previously seen one. Yes, they can be purchased from the USPS, but I was delighted to have one that had been postally used, and where someone had not carelessly pulled the zip tab that tears the stamp when the envelope is opened that way. And, just for the record, the 3 examples shown here are photographically trimmed – not cut!

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2008 Scott Catalog Available to KPS Members

It has been many years since KPS purchased a copy of the Scott Catalog for members to check out from the club's library. Now, Russ Haese has a copy of the 2008 catalog on compact disc that he will lend to club members who want to update their want lists, check recent prices, or update information on their collections. Check with Russ at the next meeting if you want to borrow his copy.



Saturday Meeting is a Success!

Our first Saturday afternoon meeting, held on January 9, can easily be called a success. Seven KPS members attended, and two came because it was difficult for them to attend regular Tuesday meetings.



The meeting was held at the Frank H. McClung Museum on the UT campus, and museum curator (and KPS member) Elaine Evans arranged for the group to meet in the beautiful Decorative Arts Gallery. President Ralph Dinwiddie gave a power point presentation on recent stamp events

and asked members to complete a form indicating their opinions of 2009 US stamps. Tom Broadhead shared his stamp videos on YouTube and also showed stamp videos by other collectors that are linked to the American Philatelic Society's web site. APS circuit books and Canadian stamps from the KPS auction purchase were there, and several purchases were made. It looks as though the spring Saturday meeting will be at Roy Row's church in Maryville – stay tuned for details. We will probably return to McClung Museum for the summer Saturday meeting.

Updates on Newsletter Items

By Tom Broadhead

In the September 2009 KPS Newsletter, I showed an example of a tiny visiting card envelope that had been mailed to a member of the US military in the Philippines in 1924. Philippines military expert Jim Holub e-mailed me that the letter was forwarded to "Camp Stotsenburg."

The December 2009 "Stamp of the Month" was a mystery – not something listed in the Scott Catalog. I sent a picture of it to *Linn's*, and they published my inquiry in the "Collector's Forum," saying that the stamp is a revenue.

Used Stamps in the Scott Catalog!

While looking up this month's stamp of the month



I'm used to images of mint stamps in Scott, not used!

in Russ Haese's 2008 Scott Catalog, I noticed a picture like this on the same page – a postmarked stamp, #975.

Tom

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We Are Lifelong Learners!

Stamp collectors are searchers, explorers, always in search of something “new” (which may be very old). We learn history, geography, and culture from our collections, from reading about stamps, viewing stamps online, and from “traditional” (I just didn’t want to say old-fashioned) sitting down together and sharing our knowledge with each other.

All of those things that we like to do characterize us as “lifelong learners.” Because stamps are a hobby for almost any age, we are exposed to countless learning opportunities throughout our collecting lives. Looking for a “learning” themed U.S. stamp, I came across the 1957 commemorative honoring teachers.



That was the year that I began collecting, and I like to think that the teacher is holding a small album or stamp catalog, telling the students where British Columbia is located on the globe. The teacher, as well as the students, could be any one of us.

I’m looking forward to Knoxpex 2010 as my next big philatelic learning experience. From the exhibits to the dealers to the beginners area, I know that there will be great things to learn. Come ready to share your philatelic knowledge and get ready to gather some new thoughts while you are there!

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

KnoxPex is only days away and I’m really getting excited about the Show. Together the members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society have organized what promises to be an excellent show. We will have 13 dealers setting up for the two-day show. Also, a designated area with over 2 dozen frames of exhibits. As usual, we will offer a commemorative cachet with a special show cancel. Those who are new to collecting stamps will find many helpful resources to help them get more out of the hobby in our “New Collector” table. This area will be stocked with worldwide stamps, as well as, free stamp publications. If you have any stamp publications that you would like to donate to a new collector, please bring them with you to the show and leave them on the table. Another great event at the show will be our annual auction which will be held on Saturday evening. This is a great opportunity to purchase items for your collection. There is still time to get your forms into Roy Row if you wish to have some of your items auctioned off on Saturday. Last, but not least, the stamp show is an excellent opportunity to meet with, and talk to other collectors. The only time I get to see some of our members is at the show. KnoxPex is a lot of fun, a great opportunity to add to your collection and an important event for the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Proceeds from this event helps subsidize the newsletter, and all the other activities of the KPS during the entire year. So, please come out and support the club. If you can, please consider donating some of your time to help out during the show. We need help with registration, and exhibit set-up and take-down. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Stamp Show on March 6th and 7th.

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 5, 2010

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Stu Hanlein. There were 21 members and guests in attendance.

Prior to the business meeting members looked through many KPS lots for sale and the collections from Bettie Anne Logan's estate which will be auctioned at Knoppex. Bruce Roberts reported he sold ten of the 14 remaining KPS lots at the meeting. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented in the February newsletter. Thomas Lane's treasurer's report showed a current balance in all KPS accounts of \$8,600.11. Thomas reported that the club had sold over \$1300 from the Regency auction lots. This endeavor has been very successful. Thanks to Thomas and Bruce Roberts for coordinating this. Jim Pettway also reminded all that 2010 dues were now overdue.

Tom Ringenbach presented the program, "Using Advertising Covers to Trace Local Economic History." In his presentation Tom discussed the history of Stark County, Ohio and its economic history related to farming implements and other industry. He showed many postal and business advertising items related to the region's history. Tom acquired the first item for this collection in 1972.



In new business, there was much discussion on a

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club "clothes line" exhibit. It was decided to try this as a program for the June or July meeting. Jim Pettway raised a concern about bad weather for meetings and Knoppex. Thomas Lane will explore an insurance policy, and the board will discuss a policy in a future meeting.

Roy Row led the discussion of the upcoming Knoppex show. Roy said he will prepare the auction list and asked that all lots be identified by February 15. Jim Pettway said he had 12 dealers committed to attend and is looking for one more. Bruce Roberts reported we have 17 frames for exhibits committed but with room for several more. He encouraged members to prepare exhibits and advise him by the March meeting. Ralph Dinwiddie says he is working on the Knoppex cachet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Wade, acting secretary

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March 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00; swap and shop at 7:00 – APS circuit sales books.

April 6 – KPS monthly meeting – program to be announced. APS circuit sales books available.

Stamp of the Month

Elizabeth II became queen of the United Kingdom in 1952 and has reigned for 58 years, more than any of her ancestors, except Victoria (64 years) and George III (60 years). This month's stamp is a 3 pence definitive (Scott 297) showing the famous photographic portrait by Dorothy Wilding, which has been used on many stamps and bank notes. Wilding had also been a court photographer for King George VI.



A Brief Look at the Philatelic History of Haiti

By Tom Broadhead

The world's attention was drawn to Haiti, one of the poorest nations, when it was wracked by an earthquake on January 12, 2010. Philatelically, Haiti has a richly beautiful history of stamp issues going back to its first stamps in 1881, which featured the head of "Liberty" wearing a typical bandana-like island head cover (Scott #1 at left). Most later nineteenth century issues are beautifully engraved depictions of the country's coat of arms (Scott #38 at right) and various presidents of the country.



Present day Haiti was colonized by France in 1697 and named Saint-Domingue, which in 1795 was expanded to include the entire island of Hispaniola. One year earlier, the majority population of African ancestry, began a revolt against the French, who were largely otherwise preoccupied with their own revolution at home. A force sent in 1804 by Napoleon I was defeated, and Haiti became the second independent nation in the western hemisphere. The centennial of independence was commemorated by a set of stamps, including images of revolutionary leaders Toussaint l'Overture (Scott #84 below left) and Jean-Jacques Dessalines (Scott #85 below right).



Haiti's government has undergone many changes over two centuries, and Dessalines, who had proclaimed himself emperor in 1804 was assassinated in 1806. U.S. marines were sent to Haiti in 1914 to help maintain order during a time of revolutionary activity. A treaty between Haiti and the U.S. in



1915 made Haiti a virtual protectorate, which lasted until marines were withdrawn in 1934. The block of U.S. stamps at right were cancelled "U.S.M.C. Port Au Prince Haiti" less than one month from the departure of the marines.

Geographically, Haiti consists of two peninsulas on the west end of the island of Hispaniola, and the stamps below feature examples (Scott 532, 534) of the tropical flora found throughout the country.



But, located in the tropical Caribbean, Haiti has been the victim of severe tropical weather. In 1954, hurricane Hazel, one of the most destructive storms of the 20th century, killed almost 1,000 and destroyed much of the agricultural crops of Haiti. The postal tax stamp (Scott RA20) at right shows a helicopter surveying storm damage.



The January 12, 2010 earthquake, centered near the capital of Port-au-Prince continues to have tragic effects on the country and people. Recent estimates suggest a death toll of 212,000 and the additional injured people are nearly 300,000. Next month, I'll share with you the semipostal stamp issued by France to raise funds for Haiti.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 2

Check out your “glowing” stamps at Knoxpex

If you are curious about fluorescent papers or phosphor tagging on your US or foreign stamps, you can find out more about them at Knoxpex. Randy Haese will have his UV viewer in the beginners area and will help you recognize the different varieties based on paper type and tagging.



The example at left shows a phosphor tag that is light yellow at the right edge of the stamp. Seen under ultra-

violet light to the right, the phosphor band glows.

Tagging has been used in the U.S. since 1963 to facilitate the automated handling of mail.

March 30 is 5th Tuesday

It's that time of the year, when a 5th Tuesday brings us a bonus KPS meeting. The KPS Board will meet that evening at 6:00, and all members are welcome to attend. At 7:00, get ready to swap and shop. Jim Pettway will have another great selection of circuit sales books from the American Philatelic Society.



The APS circuit sales are a very popular way to add to your collection. Four times a year,

when we have a 5th Tuesday meeting, Jim orders a selection from the APS, and KPS underwrites the shipping and insurance charges. If you don't see what you want, let Jim know so that he can request items in your area of interest the next time.

KPS recognition

In a letter published in the February 2010 issue of *American Philatelist*, writer Jim Measures of the Saugeen Stamp Club in Clifford, Ontario, replies to Jim Pettway's letter in *AP*, congratulating Jim and the KPS for being a growing club. The Saugeen club has grown in 12 years from fourteen to 40 members and does some of the same things as KPS, including regular meetings and a monthly newsletter.

Knoxpex 2010 cachet



KPS president Ralph Dinwiddie has again created a great cachet design for our annual stamp show. The main feature is the image of three scouts, adapted from the 1950 scouting stamp, which will be part of the postage on the envelope. The underprint or watermark on the entire envelope lists the twelve parts of the Boy Scout Law. Cachets will be on sale at the show for \$3 each, or at a show-only price of 2 for \$5.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 6

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I Love an Auction

There are many ways to buy and sell stamps, but I find auctions to be the most exciting. KPS used to have a very active "silent auction" part of its monthly meeting, but that was discontinued a few years ago because of lack of interest. Now, thanks to Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane, who recently purchased some collections at a live auction, we will have a new silent auction opportunity. Bruce has put a lot of effort into organizing, pricing, and producing a great auction plan. Details are provided in the auction insert accompanying this newsletter. I look forward to bidding and purchasing in these upcoming, monthly auctions.

A lot of my stamp purchases in recent years have been through internet and mail auctions. Ebay (www.ebay.com) is a US based company that has hundreds of thousands of stamp lots for sale (at this writing, 84,215 are US stamps and covers). Delcampe (www.delcampe.net) is a Belgian-based company with more than nine million stamp lots for sale (including 168,353 US lots). Both sites have excellent search engines,



where you can type in catalog numbers or descriptions to find the stamps or covers you want.

If you like purchasing from a professional auction house, you may want to visit Stamp Auction Network (www.stampauctionnetwork.com) for the latest listings. Then you can bid online in many auctions or contact an auction gallery for a catalog.

For now, I'm looking forward to our KPS auctions!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Another Knoxpex has come and gone, and I had a blast. The show was well attended and the dealers had many nice things to say about the organization of the show. The continued success of Knoxpex, as well as the success of the club in general, is thanks to a large number of members who step up and volunteer to do their part. I'm grateful to everyone who chipped in and helped out. We had several members who helped with the exhibit frames, both on Friday and Sunday, a big job requiring some heavy lifting. Many of you manned the registration desk to keep track of attendance, sold show cachets, and signed up new members. Others helped with door prize drawings and announcements. The auction went smoothly thanks to our auctioneers and everybody who sorted lots and kept track of the paper work. The beginners table was well stocked and ready to help all new collectors. Many interesting exhibits were there, thanks to our members. We had 13 quality dealers with a ton of goodies for us to sort through, and all expressed an interest in coming back next year.

While the Knoxpex financial numbers are still being calculated it looks like we will have brought in about a thousand dollars for the club. In addition, we were able to auction off the remaining lots of our Regency Auction purchases from last year at a nice profit. In case you haven't heard, we have purchased another batch of stamps from a recent Regency Auction, and these will be available for viewing and bidding on at KPS meetings over the next several months. I hope you have been able to take advantage of all the opportunities the club provides for you to add to your collections and to be able to learn more about the hobby. Thanks for making this a great club!

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 2, 2010

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Stu Hanlein. There were 22 members and guests in attendance.

President Ralph Dinwiddie presided over the business meeting. Thomas Lane and Bruce Roberts reported on the lots purchased at the February Regency Auction. They spent approximately \$900 of the \$2000 allotted for this project. There was lengthy discussion about how to break these lots down for sale to KPS members. There were many suggestions, including a silent auction, followed by a live auction, and spreading the lots out over months of club meetings, so all members will have an equal chance at buying desired lots. It was decided to try to have a written proposal to present to the club for vote.

Each Knoxpex committee chairperson gave an update on needs for the show, and volunteer positions were filled. Many hands and strong backs will be needed to set up the frames on Friday night, and again to break them down on Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mynatt, Secretary

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This Stamp Could Be Yours!

If you have always wanted a copy of the Great Britain “Penny Black,” the world’s first postage stamp, here is your chance. The beautiful four-margin example shown below was part of the auction lots purchased by Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane on their recent visit to Regency Auctions. In fact, they came home with two Penny Blacks, one of which will be for sale in the new KPS silent auction.



At the April KPS meeting, we will have a name drawing from all KPS members, and that lucky person will be the new owner of this classic stamp and its presentation folder. You don't have to be at the meeting to win!

Upcoming Events

Visit the calendar of the Southeast Fed of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

March 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00; swap and shop at 7:00 APS circuit sales books.

April 6 – KPS monthly meeting – program to be announced. APS circuit sales books available. First look at and option to purchase stamps from the new Regency Auction purchases.

May 4 – KPS monthly meeting – program to be announced. This will be the first silent auction of stamps from the Regency Auction – check the list included in the special insert in this month's newsletter. There will be a continued option to purchase stamps from the new Regency Auction purchases.

Stamp of the Month

Francisco Franco became the autocratic ruler of Spain following the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) and ruled until his death in 1975. During the time of his rule, he appeared on many stamps, and this month's is the one peseta definitive (Scott 825) issued in 1954.



Knoxpex 2010 – A Great Show

Photos by Jim Pettway and Tom Broadhead



Saturday was the busiest day at the show, with more than 100 visitors. Our postal clerk, June Mallicoat, had brisk sales of recent stamps and brought the cancelling device to process our cachets. On Sunday, there were smaller crowds, but more room to spread out for the beginners program.



Twenty-two frames of exhibits attracted a lot of attention, and new member Paul Hager's exhibit on Nepal won the most popular award. The thirteen dealers in the bourse reported good sales, and local dealer, Bill Muenzer, was kept busy at his table throughout the show.



Bruce Roberts and Tom Broadhead auctioned a record number of lots, and Thomas Lane and Jo Mynatt stayed late on Saturday night to settle accounts for bidders and sellers.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 6

Behind the Scenes at Knoxpex

Preparation for Knoxpex begins almost as soon as one year's show is over. There is a theme to select, publicity begins in the fall, organization begins in earnest in January, and then there are the days of the show. With 22 frames of competitive exhibits and two more frames to display KPS newsletters and scout information, there is some really heavy lifting necessary. Special thanks go to KPS members Joe Jones and sons and Gary Rehberg who helped with frame set up and take down.



And, let's not forget to thank Bruce Kinney, whose garage houses the frames between shows.

Knoxpex 2010 Attendance

By Jim Pettway

Attendance numbers were down a little from last year, with a total of 126 completed registration forms. We did, however, have 25 visitors who had never attended Knoxpex, or at least not in the last three years. Eight people became new KPS.

This year, we tried to find out more about how our guests learned about the show. Thirty-six indicated that it was our postcard mailing, followed by twenty-three who saw it in Linn's Stamp News, and twenty who received announcements from our dealers. Fifteen indicated "other" sources, eight learned from APS, six from the internet, two from the APS e-mail blast to APS members, and two were attracted by our yard signs placed around the hotel.

The New KPS Silent Auction

Please take a close look at the Silent Auction insert accompanying this month's newsletter. In it you will see many of the great stamps that were purchased by Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane at the recent Regency Auction.

Bruce has put a lot of effort into preparing lots for sale to KPS members. Catalog values indicated in the auction insert are from the Scott 2009 catalog. Minimum bids that Bruce has calculated are just a fraction of catalog value, and you have two ways to purchase. The most immediate way, beginning April 6 is to purchase a lot outright for twice the minimum amount. Otherwise, you can enter written bids up to the closing date indicated on the insert.

The first viewing and bidding on these will take place at the March 30, 5th Tuesday meeting, but the first purchases will wait until the April 6 regular KPS meeting. We want to be sure that all KPS members have the opportunity to "Buy It Now" beginning April 6. At the April 6 meeting, all lots listed in the auction insert will be available for immediate purchase. Only those listed as being auctioned on that date will be auctioned at that meeting. Are you ready to buy these great stamps?



The same process will take place each month. There will be an additional list of lots in an insert that will accompany the May newsletter.

In the auctions, there will be minimum bid increments as follows:

- Lot minimum less than \$1.00 - any bid amount
- Lot minimum \$1.00-\$4.99 - \$0.25 increments
- Lot minimum \$5.00-\$19.99 - \$0.50 increments
- Lot minimum \$20.00 or more - \$1.00 increments

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Did you?

The United States Census was initiated in 1790 in order to document the population of our newly independent country. Since that time, the population of the US has been measured every ten years in the decennial census. If you are interested in your family's genealogy, census records may be a great resource for discovering where your forbearers lived. The web site – www.census.gov/history has some interesting information about our once-every-ten-year head count.

The US commemorated this important survey on its 175th anniversary in 1965 with a commemorative



postal card. This year, I was happy to see a special postal cancel intended to remind all of us to complete and return our census forms by the April 1 deadline.



It's a sprayed on cancel, so very fine copies are hard to fine. We sent our family's form in by the deadline. Did you?

President's Column

Back in 1980 a group of people got together and formed the Expo City Stamp Club. They had in common a passion for stamp collecting and a desire to share their interest with others. They realized that as a group they could accomplish things they could not do individually. Now, after 400 meetings and two name changes, The Knoxville Philatelic Society is about to celebrate its 30th anniversary. With the demise of many stamp clubs across the country, it's wonderful to see KPS still strong and growing. We currently have 80 members including members in 6 states and one foreign country. This is thanks to the large number of members who volunteer a small amount of their time and efforts to make the club a success. Although stamp collecting is typically a solitary activity, it is enjoyable and educational when we can take a couple hours out of our busy schedules and meet as a group.

If you have ideas about how we can celebrate our 30th anniversary, bring them to the next meeting or drop us an email. Another new way we have to communicate with each other is through the club's FaceBook page. Just login to FaceBook at www.FaceBook.com and type "Knoxville Philatelic Society" in the search box. You will find discussion boards, photos, listings of events, and much more. This is a great virtual meeting place. Another great opportunity to meet up in person will be at our next Saturday meeting, from noon until 3:00 on June 26 at the First Christian Church in Maryville. There will be plenty of stamps available for purchase and we'll have a program and discussion time. Finally, this is my last column as President of the KPS and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this past year a huge success.

Tom Broadhead

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 6, 2010

The April meeting of KPS was called to order by Stu Hanlein at 7:20 PM with 21 members and visitors Den and Beverly from Germany attendance. Prior to the meeting, members had their first opportunity to purchase lots from the Regency Auction purchase. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented by treasurer Thomas Lane. The club showed a net gain of \$992.40 from Knoxpex 2010, and has a balance of \$7563.14.

Discussion centered on Knoxpex 2010, and a review of the dealers' comments was given by Jim Pettway. There were many positive comments from the dealers, and they enjoyed the presence and support of the club itself. Thomas Lane announced that the contract for the hotel for Knoxpex 2011 has been signed at the same price.

Roy Row gave a report from the nominating committee, stating that we have a full slate of officers and board members, with the exception of a candidate for secretary. Volunteers, please step forward! **The slate of nominated officers is as follows: President - Stu Hanlein; Vice-President - Tom Ringenbach; Treasurer - Thomas Lane; Secretary - still needed; Past-President - Ralph Dinwiddie; Board members - Jim Pettway, Tom Broadhead, Gary Rehberg, and Bruce Roberts. Elections are May 4.**

Stu Hanlein brought up the possibility of producing a polo shirt with club logo on it. Different ideas were

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discussed, and the thought will be continued at a later date. Jim Pettway mentioned that we need to start looking for a place for our annual Christmas Party, on December 4. He asked that members check out the local restaurants for a suitable meeting place - private room, menu selection, cost - so that a decision can be made soon. The drawing for the Penny Black folder was conducted. One of our guests drew Forrest Conklin's name. Congratulation, Forrest!

Tom Broadhead reported that he needs examples for Stamp of the Month in the newsletter and that the next newsletter will have an updated list for the silent auction we are conducting each month from the lots purchased by the club at Regency Auctions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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May 4 – KPS monthly meeting – “A Philatelic Travelogue” by Charlie Wade. Silent auction of stamps from the Regency Auction – check the list of available lots included in the special insert in this month's newsletter.

May 8 – Holpex 2010 – A Stamp Odyssey, Holston Stamp Club, Best Western Johnson City Hotel, 2406 North Roan St., Johnson City. Contact Dennis Bowman dbo_4855@yahoo.com or 423-256-2794.

June 1 – KPS monthly meeting – Program to be announced. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

June 5-6 – Huntspex 2010, Huntsville Stamp Club, Tom Bevill Conference Center University of Alabama, 550 Sparkman Dr., Huntsville. Contact Heinrich Hahn, hhahn@bellsouth.net; www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html.

June 26 – KPS Saturday meeting – details in next month's newsletter

June 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, followed at 7:00 by swap, shop, buy and bid from the Regency auction lots – and a new group of APS Circuit Sales Books.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, courtesy of Ralph Dinwiddie, is the 1999 Love stamp (Scott 3274) issued as a die-cut, self-adhesive in booklets of 20. Unlike most of today's self-adhesive stamps, these were easy to soak – now that's Love!



Pony Express Sesquicentennial

by Tom Broadhead

Growing up in St. Joseph, Missouri, one of the first areas of historical interest I learned about was the Pony Express, the private mail relay service that began on April 3, 1860. At the age of 10, I went with my parents downtown to see a rider off on his way during the centennial celebration. I wore a swell cowboy outfit and a grey beard that my mom had made out of yarn.

Local landmarks in St. Joseph include a monumental bronze statue and the Pony Express Stables. Although it is one of the most famous historical events in U.S. mail transport, the Pony Express was in use for only 19 months. The completion of the Pacific Telegraph severely cut demand, and the founders suffered bankruptcy. The 10-12 day transit



time by pony riders just could not compete with high speed electrons in the telegraph wires.



My first philatelic knowledge of the Pony Express was through the stamp and postal envelope issued for the 1960 centennial (shown at left). Later, I learned about and collected the 1940 stamp issued for the 80th anniversary (below).



Little did I know that there was a much earlier postal history, including stamps for the Pony Express. Five different stamps were issued in 1861 by the Wells, Fargo and Co. for use on Pony Express mail. A \$2 and \$4 stamp were used until July 1, when rates were reduced by 50% and new \$1, \$2, and \$4 stamps appeared. In 1862, a Pony Express service was revived to serve Sacramento, San Francisco, and Virginia City. A new set of stamps, 10c and two colors of 25c, was issued for this service that lasted until 1864.



Examples above are the early rate \$2, later reduced rate \$1 and \$2, the 1861 Wells Fargo used only on westbound mail, and the 1862 10c stamp used only in California and Nevada. (*continued on p. 4*)

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 4

The Pony Express (continued from p. 3)

Earlier this year, the Robert A. Siegel Auction Company sold the superb collection of Pony Express stamps and covers accumulated by legendary collector Thurston Twigg-Smith. His collection of Hawaiian stamps and covers (Hololulu Advertiser Collection – www.siegelauctions.com/dynamic/sales.php?sale_no=931) contained many of the greatest rarities of Hawaii philately. Twigg-Smith's Pony Express collection is no less spectacular, and can be viewed along with detailed historical accounts at (www.siegelauctions.com/dynamic/sales.php?sale_no=979).



One of the remarkable covers offered in the Siegel auction is shown at left. Addressed on the reverse to Senator Milton Latham in Washington, DC, it is one of three known Pony Express "first day covers." Departing San Francisco on April 3, 1860, it arrived in St. Joseph on April 13. The express fee was paid in addition to the 10 cents postage – the Pony Express stamps did not appear until April, 1861. In the Siegel Auction, it was Lot 1 with an estimate of \$300,000-400,000. In the auction, it made top dollar at exactly \$400,000.

APS Sales Circuit Books

By Jim Pettway

KPS members had the opportunity to view purchase from the American Philatelic Society Sales Division circuit books at the March 5th Tuesday meeting and again before the April KPS meeting. Six members made purchases totaling \$66.42. We had a very good selection of books this time with early (including Trans-Mississippi, Columbian, Pan-American, as well as earlier regular issues) and modern U.S. stamps, Ireland, Germany, Brazil, Latin America, Iceland, Argentina and U.S. Possession stamps.

I was disappointed with the small amount of sales this time and with the number of people making purchases. The club needs to purchase at least \$150 from each circuit. That gives you two opportunities to purchase from the books, 4 times a year.

Your next opportunity with APS circuit books begins with the June 26 Saturday KPS meeting Maryville, followed by a 5th Tuesday meeting June 29, and the regular KPS meeting on July 6. Mark your calendar and update your want list for one or all of these meetings, and be prepared to spend a little time shopping from the circuit books.

KPS Board Minutes – March 30

Jim Pettway reported on dealers' comments about Knopex 2010, most of which were very positive. Suggestions included: having volunteers to help dealers unload at the show; a change in show times and auction times to provide a break for the dealers; and availability of food for the dealers. Jim reported that we had 3 club members renew and 8 new members at the show. We now have a membership of 79, up from 68 a year ago.

Bruce Roberts reported on the Regency Auction lots, which will be shown at meetings, for silent bids, and sales. Tom Broadhead announced that upcoming newsletters will feature the lots available. The board decided to have the drawing for the Penny Black stamp at the April 6 meeting. The next Saturday meeting will be June 26 at First Christian Church in Maryville. More details will be announced in the newsletter. A short discussion ensued on boxes to be made or bought for the exhibit frames.

KPS elections will be held at the May meeting, and the slate of officers will be announced at the April 6 meeting. Bruce Roberts suggested the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Adjournment at 7:03 pm.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 1

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Thanks!

KPS members always step up to help our club fulfill its mission of providing information, programs, and collecting opportunities about stamps. We rely on you to share your interests by presenting programs at monthly meetings and writing articles and notes for the newsletter. Don't sell your interests in stamps short! Don't think that others will not be interested in collecting areas that are special to you!

This month's article, by Paul Hager presents a great opportunity for us to learn a little about a far away country and its early stamp issues. This is just the "tip of the iceberg" in Paul's interest in this country and stamp issue – his comprehensive exhibit at Knoxpex 2010 was voted "most popular." In an upcoming newsletter, Charlie Wade will share a little more with us about his travels, photos, and related stamps.

In April, it looked like we were running out of stamps for the newsletter feature "stamp of the month." Then,



at the May meeting, Stu Hanlein, Mike Kaufmann, and Brian Mason stepped up with

more than a year's worth of great stamps – 80+ copies of each to meet the needs of our growing membership.

Later this month, we will have our second Saturday meeting, courtesy of Roy Row at the church where he is pastor. There will be another future meeting at UT's McClung Museum, hosted by curator and KPS member Elaine Evans.

Thanks to every KPS member, who helps or has helped the club in the past. No wonder we keep growing.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I want to thank the members of the KPS for voting me into this office along with the new slate of officers. Vice President Tom Ringenbach will be glad to hear from any volunteers who would like to present a program at one of our meetings. Hopefully, we can continue the example set by our previous leadership. Ralph Dinwiddie initiated several ideas which we continue this year. In particular, I refer to the club meetings at alternative sites and dates and the purchasing of items at major auctions for resale to club members. Both of these ventures have been successful and profitable to the club and general membership as well! I hope we can get the KPS shirts we have been discussing and wear them for our Knoxpex show and other stamp shows in the area so people know that we have an active stamp club!

I would like to take a few lines to tell you about myself. I was born in Washington, DC and lived in MD for about 60 years before "retiring" to Knoxville in 2000. I am an aerospace engineer by profession, a federal government retiree, worked for a "Beltway Bandit" in VA, and have been an independent consulting engineer since retiring. I got into stamp collecting as a Boy Scout to earn the stamp collecting merit badge and got serious after graduation from college in 1960. After acquiring all the US stamps I could afford, I became a worldwide collector because I enjoy the hobby and don't think you should be constrained by lack of funds! I prefer canceled stamps and was lured into precanceled stamps by a presentation at a club meeting many years ago in MD. Once I got hooked, it has become my most active area of interest. I have made several presentations to the KPS and we have formed the TN Precancel Club with 42 members at last count. This newsletter features a pre-canceled stamp, as the stamp of the month, so you can see what one looks like. I have developed other interests which I will share in the months ahead.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 4, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 24 members and guests present. New member Bruce Hamm attended his first meeting and Ron Griffith was a guest. Prior to the meeting members were able to purchase or bid on the latest auction lots.

President Ralph Dinwiddie called the meeting to order at 7:30. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Voting for the new club officers was held, and the following slate was approved unanimously:

President	Stu Hanlein
Vice President	Tom Ringenbach
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Past President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Board Members:	Jim Pettway
	Tom Broadhead
	Gary Rehberg
	Bruce Roberts

At this point new President Stu Hanlein presided over the remainder of the meeting. The monthly program was given by Charlie Wade. In his presentation titled “Seeing the World Through Stamps” he showed photos from his global travels and many stamps that featured the same scenes as his photographs.

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Thomas Lane presented the treasurers report. For the past month the club had income of \$342 and expenses of \$111. Last month the club received \$235.75 from the KPS auction lots and \$66.42 from sales of the APS Circuit sales. The total club balance is \$7,769.19. Members were reminded of a Saturday meeting on June 26 in Maryville at the First Christian Church. Members will gather around noon and the program will start at 1:00 PM. In old business Tom Broadhead discussed the status of KPS club shirts and a general discussion on location of the Christmas party took place.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:20. At the conclusion of the business meeting, members had one last opportunity to bid or purchase auction lots.

Respectfully Submitted, Charlie Wade, Secretary

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June 26 – KPS Saturday meeting – 1:00 pm at First Christian Church, 400 S. Court St., Maryville, TN 37803. Program TBA, Regency Auction Lots and APS Circuit Books will be there for bids and purchases.

June 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, followed at 7:00 by swap, shop, buy and bid from the Regency auction lots – and another opportunity to purchase from the APS Circuit Sales Books.

July 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program to be announced. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, courtesy of Stu Hanlein, is a precanceled stamp from the US “Fourth Bureau” definitive series first issued in 1922. The example illustrated here is the 12 cent Grover Cleveland stamp with a Cleveland OH precancel. Your stamp will be a different stamp from this series with a different precancel! Keep an eye out for future columns and articles by Stu about precanceled stamps.



KPS Saturday Meeting

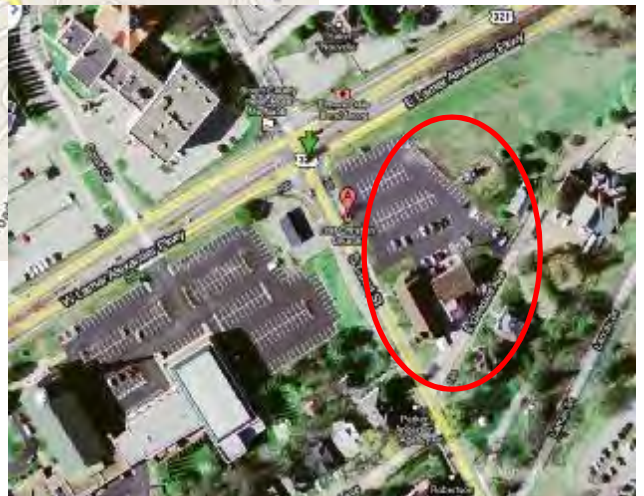
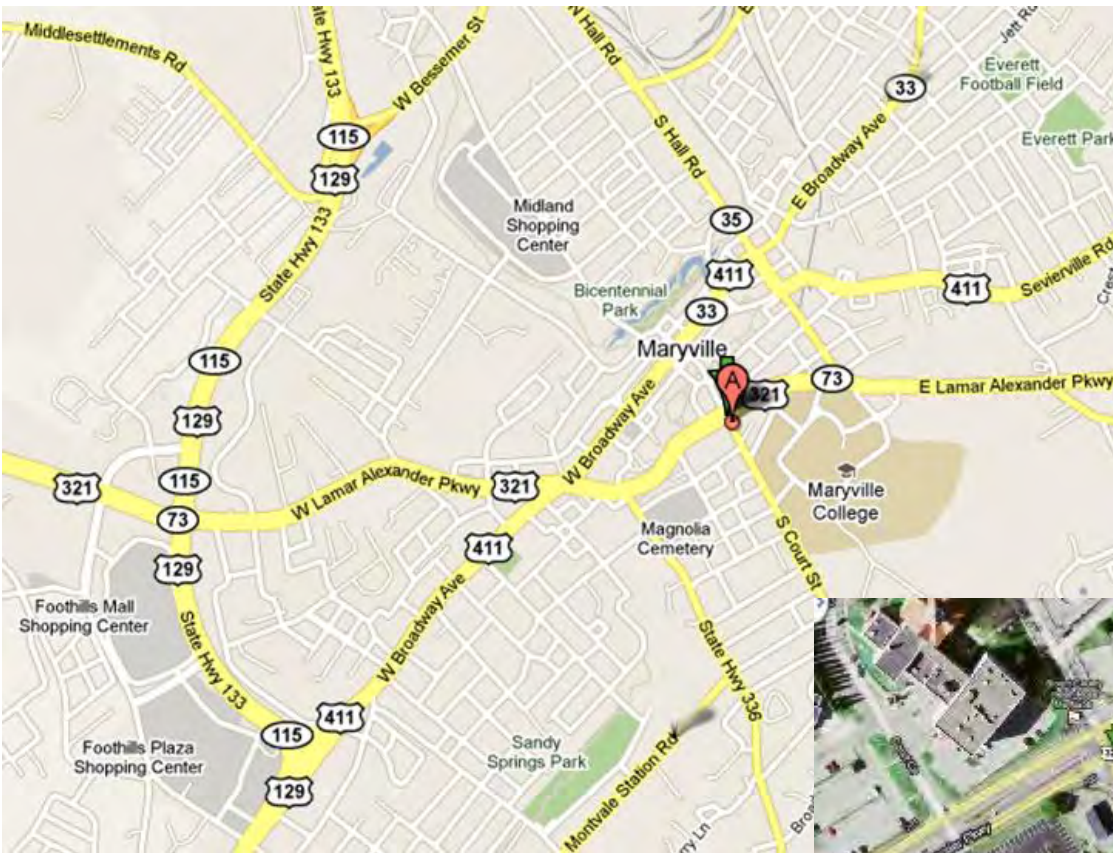
June 26, 2010

All KPS members are invited to our second Saturday KPS meeting. This one will be held in Maryville, TN. Refreshments will be served starting around noon and the meeting will start around 1:00. We will have a program, silent auction lots, APS sales books, and plenty of philatelic fellowship.

Here are the directions to the Saturday meeting as provided by our host, Roy Row...

The church is easy to find. It is First Christian Church, 400 South Court Street, Maryville, TN 37803.

The church is located on the corner of East Lamar Alexander (Rt 321) and Court St, right across the intersection from the county court house. The intersection has a traffic light. A large parking lot and sign can be clearly seen. Park in the lot, and come in the red rear doors.



The Knoxville Philatelic Society is now on FaceBook

By Ralph Dinwiddie

FaceBook is a social networking website, which is free and easy to join. It's a great way to keep up with friends and family. To sign up just visit www.facebook.com and follow the simple directions. Once you are a member of FaceBook you can join the Knoxville Philatelic Society Group. On our group page you can find photos, discussion boards, a calendar of events and general information. And, this is not a one way street. You can also post your photos of KPS events, start a new

discussion, or ask the group questions. Currently on our group page you will find information about our up coming Saturday meeting, a discussion about our 30th anniversary celebration, and a preliminary design for an embroidered KPS shirt. I think this resource can be a powerful tool for the members to exchange ideas and information. The more KPS members who join and make use of this site, the more useful and powerful it will become. I almost forgot, there is even pictures from KnoxPex and our 25th anniversary celebration. So, sign up today and join the fun.



KnoxPex 2010 Cachet



KPS 25th Anniversary Cake



KnoxPex 2010 Auction

THE PASHUPATI ERA OF NEPAL

By Paul Hager



Eight pice red of the 1907 series

The Pashupati Era covered over 40 years, from 1907 to about 1950, when the printing of the Pashupati design stamps ceased and modern stamps were introduced. The Pashupati name is derived from the design on the stamps and postal stationery of the period. The central focus of these indicia is Sri Pashupati, a manifestation of Shiva Mahadeva, the patron God of Nepal. Because of this, the stamps are sometimes called the “Shiva” series. The image on the stamps is taken from a representation of the Pashupati on the *lingam* in the Sri Pashupatinath Temple near Kathmandu. The Pashupati name is also applied to the series of cancellations that paralleled the use of the postal issues.

Four different issues of stamps were released – 1907, 1930, 1935, and 1941-46. These are distinguished primarily by the Sambat Era dates of issue in the lower corners or by the printing methods. The Perkins Bacon printing firm of London, which also printed the first three issues by the intaglio process, designed the stamp. The fourth issue (1941-46), the local or war time print, was typographically printed by the Gorkha Patra Press in Kathmandu.

In 1959, the Pashupati design was used on the high value of the new 1949 pictorial set, which was lithographed by the Indian Security Press.

With the exception of the 1935 2 pice blue card, which is based on the stamp design, postal stationery items have the Pashupati figure enclosed in an oval. The Gorkha Patra Press printed all Pashupati postal stationery.

For all issues, the value is written in Devanagari characters. On the stamps the value is in the right inner panel. On the postal stationery items, the value is around the oval. In no instance is the denomination given in numerals, which makes it difficult to determine the value without a guide to the corresponding colors.

From 1907 to 1911, classic type cancellations were used on this series. In 1911, the Pashupati cancellations were introduced (Nepal Postal Exchange cancel shown at right). These are of several types. Dates are given in Devanagari numerals and use the Sambat Era dates which are about 57 years ahead of the Gregorian calendar.



The stamps were also used to indicate payment of telegraph and telephone charges and as fiscal stamps. Since post offices also served as telephone and telegraph offices, early on postal cancellations were used. A little later special cancels were introduced for this purpose, the most common of which are crescent shaped (telegraph cancel from the Kathmandu Head Office at left). Fiscal cancels varied with the department using the stamps. Some of the series were used as fiscals well into the 1960's.



Used issues of this series are fairly inexpensive and common, although they are not readily available from most dealers who come to smaller shows. But the fun is in the search.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 1

Come to the June 26 Saturday KPS Special Meeting!

This month, KPS will hold its second Saturday special meeting at the First Christian Church in Maryville. Thanks go to church pastor and KPS member, Roy Row, for giving us this great opportunity to meet during the day at a place that is a little closer to some of our out of town members. Ralph Dinwiddie is preparing a program, Bruce Roberts will have auction lots to bid and purchase, and Jim Pettway will have a new group of APS Circuit Sales books for first viewing and purchases.

Plan to arrive around noon, and the meeting will begin at 1:00. Directions to the church from the Knoxville airport: continue south on Alcoa Highway (US 129, TN 115) for 5.4 miles to the intersection with W. Lamar Alexander Parkway (US 321). Turn left onto W. Lamar Alexander Parkway and continue for 1.6 miles to Court Street. Turn right onto S. Court Street – the church is immediately on your left.

And, if you can't attend the Saturday meeting, don't forget the 5th Tuesday meeting on June 29. The Board Meeting at 6:00 will be followed at 7:00 with the meet and swap, shop the APS Circuit Sales, and bid and buy from the KPS auction lots.

Another Gold for the KPS News

By Jim Pettway, APS Representative



And again the KPS News took the Gold in multi-page class in the American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee Newsletter Competition in 2009. Congratulations to the KPS News Editor, Tom Broadhead and KPS

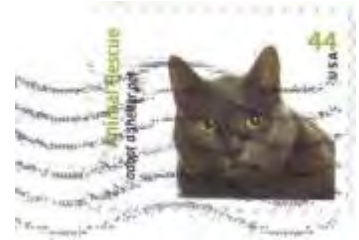
News Publisher, Ralph Dinwiddie. Thanks also go to those who contributed articles to the KPS News, helping to make our newsletter the best. Out of a possible 100 points the KPS News scored an 87, one of the highest scores in the competition. Judges in the competition offered suggestions and comments for improvements to a near perfect newsletter. "Addition of stamp and cover each month is a very nice touch.", was one comment of favor followed by "Fine work, . . ."

Thank you, Tom and Ralph, for your time and the hard work you put forth each month to provide us with such a nice informative newsletter.

Pet Rescue Stamps + a Cancel

By Tom Broadhead

On April 30, the USPS issued a set of stamps to promote pet adoption. The 20 stamps, featuring 10 images (5 cats, 5 dogs) are denominated



at the 44 cent letter domestic letter rate. As part of the stamp and adoption promotion, Halo Pet Foods is offering to provide food for up to 1 million animals in shelters across the country based on sales of the stamps. As of the middle of May, they had reached the 300 thousand mark.

The small format stamps haven't appeared on much mail that I have seen – actually only two pieces. What I have seen much more of, however, is the pictorial sprayed on cancel, featuring the faces of a cat and a dog, together with large print "Animal Rescue" and smaller print at the bottom, "stampstotherescue.com." That is the web address for the pet rescue/Halo campaign. Finding a good example of this cancel is a challenge, and the one shown here is the best I have. Ironically, it does not look good on the pet stamps.



KPS Auction Lots Update

By Bruce Roberts

In just two months, we have sold \$418.35 from the Regency Auction lots – 34% of our original purchase. Sixty-three of the 207 lots have sold, and 8 more are now available to purchase at the minimum! Don't miss out on some great stamps – check your lists in the last two KPS newsletters. Bids and purchases will be received at the June 26 and June 30 KPS meeting.

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Risks of Forever Stamps

In a June 14 column in *Linn's Stamp News*, Bill McAllister discussed early plans by the USPS to produce a greater variety of "forever" stamps. The first of these nondenominated US stamps showing the Liberty Bell appeared in 2007, and many varieties have helped to maintain collector enthusiasm. It has been in use now for 3 different rates and covers the cost of a 1 ounce first class domestic letter.



Canada has also issued stamps for long-term domestic use, and all are noted by the lack of a denomination and the presence of a red maple leaf containing a white "P" indicating "permanent." The Canada Post web site – www.canadapost.ca – shows three definitive designs available, including an orchid issue in coil format.



McAllister's column mentions that Postal Regulatory Commission Chair, Ruth Goldway has suggested that all US commemoratives be issued as forever stamps. As a postal history collector, I'm still trying to figure if I think this is a good idea or one potentially harmful to our hobby. Clearly, a readable cancel would be necessary to determine the postal value of a forever or permanent stamp. What do KPS members think?

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

The month of June was a great one for KPS, with three meetings in one month. I hope we were able to have more club members attend meetings this month than ever before. That is a tribute to the desire of members to meet as many of our membership as possible. We all benefit from learning more about our hobby from other collectors and sharing knowledge of our areas of interest.

One item that came up at our last meeting was the problem obtaining new US stamps from local post offices. The USPS has consolidated its distribution centers and reduced the number from 80 to just 6. Local post offices haven't figured out how to get new stamps because they don't know where to make the requests. According to a recent article in *Linn's Stamp News*, Atlanta, GA is now the distribution center for stamp orders for our area. One solution for individual collectors is to order directly from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services at www.usps.com or call 1-800-782-6724. There is a \$1.00 shipping & handling fee for standard orders. If there is significant interest among KPS members, the club could set up a monthly group order for new issues and items unavailable locally. We can discuss this at our next meeting.

Now July is here. I look forward to it because my birthday is the 7th. Although my major area of stamp collecting is precancels, sometimes I run out of items to look for at stamp shows. I have recently added a new facet to my collecting – philatelic items canceled on my birthday. I have had a lot of success with postcards, including one canceled on July 7th, 1938 from Washington, DC, where I was born! When my birthday rolls around I make up a postcard from wherever I happen to be and have it canceled locally. If you have any covers or cards that you no longer want, canceled on July 7th from 1938 to present – let me know!

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 1, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 18 present. New member Lisa Lyford of Williamsburg, KY attended her first meeting, and Lamar Stout was a visiting guest from Jackson, Mississippi. Prior to the meeting members were able to purchase or bid on the latest auction lots. President Stu Hanlein called the meeting to order at 7:30.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Thomas Lane presented the treasurers report. For the past month the club had income of \$194 and expenses of \$106. The current club accounts total \$7,846.88.

In old business, the club decided to not buy any new auction lots at this time. Tom Broadhead is still investigating possibilities of club shirts. There was continuing discussion of a location for the Christmas party. The board approved a club donation of \$125 to the APS. The club donates a copy of the monthly *American Philatelist* to the Knoxville Public Library. Members were reminded of the Saturday meeting on June 26 in Maryville at the First Christian Church. The board meeting and 5th Tuesday meeting will be June 29.

On a special note, APS representative Jim Pettway presented a letter from the APS informing us the 2009 KPS Newsletter was awarded **GOLD AGAIN!** Much appreciation to Tom Broadhead and Ralph Dinwiddie

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for their efforts and other members who have contributed to its publication. Ralph is collecting all back issues of the newsletter and will be putting them on a CD. He is missing some issue which we hope members can locate.

In new business, the difficulty in obtaining new US issue stamps at the local post offices was discussed. We may do a “direct order” of these stamps for club members. Stu showed the club printed album pages which are available from www.precancels.com/albums.htm.

Our guest, Lamar Stout, gave the program on his Rhodesian collection. Lamar started collecting in 1946 as he was pursuing his Boy Scout merit badge. He mainly collected US until the mid-70's then concentrated on the British Commonwealth. He started his Rhodesian collection in 1984 and now specializes in the “Double Head” issues. In the presentation he gave us the background on the nation's history and its postal system. As a side note, Lamar told us after years of tolerating his stamp collecting hobby; his wife has now become an avid collector of penguins on stamps. Thanks to Lamar for a great presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. At the conclusion members had one last opportunity to bid or purchase auction lots.

Respectfully Submitted, Charlie Wade, Secretary

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, thanks to Mike Kauffman, is a 75 centime commemorative stamp from France (Scott 305), issued in 1935 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the death of Jacques Callot. Callot was an engraver and printmaker in the early 17th century who produced many serious and humorous prints in France and Italy.



British Stamps Honor World War II Heroes

By Charlie Wade

Between the defeat of France in 1940 and the German invasion of Russia in 1941, Britain and the Commonwealth stood very much alone against the Axis powers. Yet while this was arguably the darkest period in the island's history, it was also the finest hour as millions of Britons came together to "do their bit" for the war effort. On May 13, 2010, the Royal Mail (British Post Office) issued a new series of stamps and a souvenir sheet dedicated to the efforts of these citizens during World War II. The issue is titled "Britain Alone" and celebrates homeland heroes of the war and the evacuation of Dunkirk. The designs reproduce archived black-and-white photographs from the war. The four stamps (below right) in the souvenir sheet picture scenes of the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk. The eight individual stamps (below left) pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of private citizens who contributed to the war efforts on the home front.

In late May 1940 Allied soldiers were trapped on the beaches around Dunkirk, France with the sea on one side and advancing German troops on the other. A flotilla of over 700 small craft including fishing boats and motor boats joined Royal Navy destroyers in the evacuation of more than 338,000 soldiers. Without this dramatic evacuation, the British army, and probably the entire European continent, would fall to the German army. My father-in-law recounted how he stood chest-deep in the ocean waters for over 30 hours awaiting rescue and evacuation. The first class stamp in the upper left corner of the souvenir sheet shows soldiers lined up in the water awaiting pick-up while the 88p stamp pictures rescued soldiers on board a destroyer.



The set of eight individual stamps commemorates those patriots at home supporting the war effort. The Home Guard, made up of local volunteers including many World War I veterans, was ready to fight in the event of an enemy invasion. A 60p stamp honoring the Home Guard depicts volunteers in Doncaster drilling with broomsticks before uniforms and rifles were available. Changing roles of women on the home front are noted with photos of women in factories and working on farms. The role of air raid wardens on the home front is also depicted. My



mother-in-law served on a radar observation post and was decorated for her war time service by General Lord Montgomery.

A prestige booklet, containing two sheets with four of each of the stamps,

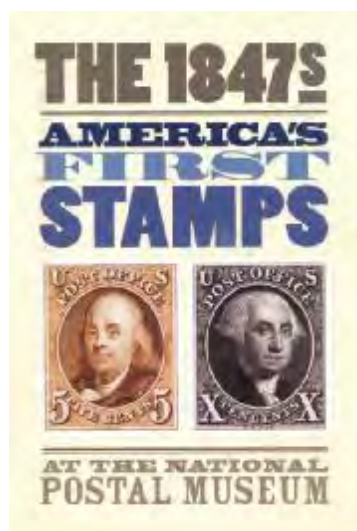
plus a pane with a block of machine definitives, includes text about the early years of the war and stories behind the photographs featured on the stamps. These issues can be purchased from Royal Mail (www.royalmail.com) or at online auction sites, including E-Bay and Delcampe. They are a true tribute to Britain's Greatest Generation.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 6

KPS Family Connections

By Tom Broadhead

A few years ago, KPS member Stuart McNiell brought a brochure from the National Postal Museum to our monthly meeting. The NPM always has beautifully designed exhibits, but this one was a little different. The exhibit that featured the 1847 first issues of the United States had been designed by a firm in northern Virginia called **Studio A**. The principals in this firm (www.thestudioa.com) are Stuart's daughter, Helen McNiell, and her husband Antonio Alcalá.



But wait – there's more! In recognition of Alcalá's artistry and expertise in exhibit designs, including several other NPM exhibits, he has been appointed to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, the important group that assesses and makes recommendations to the USPS concerning the topics and themes of new stamp issues.

If you have been to the NPM in the last few years, you have probably seen an exhibit created by Alcalá and **Studio A**. Just a few examples, in addition to the one above are the *V-Mail*, *Stamps Take Flight*, and *Delivering Hope: FDR and Stamps of the Great Depression*.



At right above – Antonio Alcalá, philatelic exhibit designer, Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee member, and Stuart McNiell's son-in-law.

At the KPS Meeting . . .



APS representative, Jim Pettway, KPS president, Stu Hanlein, and guest, Lamar Stout (left to right), relax at the end of the June 1 meeting. Lamar presented the evening program, showing spectacular printer's archive examples of stamps of Rhodesia.

KPS Auction Lots Update

By Bruce Roberts

After three months, we have sold \$448.80 from the Regency Auction lots – 37% of our original purchase. Seventy-one of the 207 lots have sold, 22 more will “close” in the silent auction on June 29, and 22 more will “close” in the silent auction on August 3. Twenty-three lots have closed, without selling at earlier meetings. All “closed” lots are available for instant purchase at the minimum bid – only the ones not yet closed require an instant purchase at twice the minimum.

Are we offering important material? The Confederate States #8, shown here, was recommended in the June 14 *Linn's* as a buying tip. The column recommended \$40 as a bargain price for this stamp. One lucky KPS member bought this stamp from our Regency auction lots for only \$30! So don't hold back – come to all upcoming KPS meetings to get great stamps at bargain prices.



Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 3

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Knoxplex 2011 – 150th Anniversary of the Knoxville Confederate Provisionals

Next year will be an exciting time as U.S. history buffs take close looks at the American Civil War. This is a particularly interesting time to examine war time stamp issues and mails, and KPS is leading the charge!

In a series of KPS newsletter articles in May-September, 2006, I briefly reviewed the five different types of provisional postal issues produced by Knoxville postmaster, C.H. Charlton. Knoxville, and many other towns and cities in the recently seceded states, were caught in a bind between the time that U.S. stamps could no longer be used and the delivery of the first Confederate States stamps.

At the June 29 KPS Board meeting, it was agreed to bring the proposal to the membership that the Knoxplex 2011 theme would be the 150th anniversary of the Knoxville provisional stamps of 1861. At the July 5 meeting, KPS members overwhelmingly approved this motion.



What's next? In the next few months, we will have a lot of work to organize and publicize our show and its important historic theme. This is almost certainly a little-known topic, but one that should be of general interest to the public. I have spoken with the curator at the East Tennessee Historical museum about a possible exhibit and have contacted the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Stay tuned!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Greetings fellow KPS members. We resolved quite a few items at our July meeting thanks to some of our very active members taking the bull by the horns. We had 3 different restaurants reserved for our December meeting and we have decided on the Great American Steak & Buffet at 900 Merchants Drive near Clinton Highway. Once again the club has decided to supplement the cost, so \$10 will be the price of the dinner. There will be more details as the time nears but be sure to save the date -- Tuesday December 7th on your calendar!

We will get a real break on our KPS logo shirts. Thanks to Gary Rehberg we have a company that will embroider shirts for \$3.00 a piece. The set up fees will be paid by the club, and each member will pay \$3.00 for each shirt embroidered. It will be impressive to see our members wearing their shirts at KNOXPEx so that visitors and dealers can see how many people are involved.

Speaking of Knoxplex, we decided on a theme thanks to Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts. We will recognize the 150 year anniversary of the Confederate Postmaster Provisional stamps of Knoxville. Watch future issues of your KPS Newsletter for additional KnoxPex details in the months ahead.

Our next Saturday meeting is August 28th at the McClung Museum at UT. The following one is planned for the Halls/Fountain City area on December 4th at a place to be determined. These Saturday meetings give an opportunity for members who cannot attend on Tuesday evenings an opportunity to enjoy the hobby and buy, sell and swap stamps and philatelic stories. Long time club member, Jean Burns, in Maryville last week wanted to know when we were going to come to Maryville again for a Saturday meeting. She doesn't drive at night and really enjoyed having our last Saturday meeting close to her home.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 6, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by President Stu Hanlein. An announcement was made about the silent auction, which was ongoing until after the meeting. In the two months of silent auctions we have recovered about 1/2 of the club's investment. Thomas Lane gave the treasurer's report, showing a total of \$7794.23 in the treasury. A thank-you note from the APS was read, in appreciation of the \$125 donation from the club.

A discussion concerning the club logo shirts followed. The logo will have a black border for the stamp perforations, filled in with gold. Knoxville Philatelic Society will be in dark red. This motion was approved by the members present. Gary Rehberg has found a place that will cost each member \$3 per shirt, with the member providing a clean shirt for embroidery. A notice will be in the newsletter, and members may bring shirts and money to the October meeting.

Bruce Roberts introduced the concept of a theme for Knoxpex 2011, which is the 150th anniversary of the postmaster provisional stamps of Tennessee. He is willing to try to enlist the cooperation of other clubs in Tennessee, possibly with "matching" cachets, covers, and other publicity, all using a central theme.

The program for August will be "clothesline exhibits," September will be "forgeries," October will

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be the club live auction, and for November everyone will be asked to bring a clothesline exhibit to show. contributed to its publication. Next month, Bruce Roberts will begin his seminar on exhibiting. It will be held each month at 6:30 PM before the regular meetings of the KPS.

The next order of business was determining the location for the December meeting. The board presented three restaurants from which to choose: Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, Ryan's on 129 in Maryville, and Great American Steak and Buffet on Merchants Road. The vote was in favor of the Great American.

Our next Saturday meeting will be August 28 at the McClung Museum on the UT campus. It was suggested that we have refreshments. This will be determined and announced later.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM, as the fellowship and silent auction continued.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Mynatt, Acting Secretary

Upcoming Events

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August 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program on "clothesline exhibiting" by Tom Ringenbach. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

August 28 – KPS Saturday meeting at McClung Museum on the UT campus. Time – 1:00-3:00. APS Circuit Sales books and Regency Auction lots will be there for shopping.

August 28-29 – Summer Stamp Bourse at the Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff (regular location for Knoxpex).

August 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. KPS Board meets at 6:00 – all members are invited. Swap and shop beginning at 7:00, including APS Circuit Sales and silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, donated by Brian Mason, is a 5 pfennig denominated official stamp (Scott 11N1) issued during the Russian occupation of Berlin in 1945. It features the famous "Berlin bear," symbol of the city.



Dr. Samuel Boyd, President – Knoxville Philatelic Society, 1885

By Jim Pettway

Recently I ran across two historic philatelic publications that got my attention. The first was a copy of Volume I, No. 1 of *The American Philatelist* (AP) dated January 10, 1887. You can get your own copy at the American Philatelic Society (APS) web link <http://www.stamps.org/AP/APVoll.pdf>. You'll find this very interesting reading. What I discovered was that, of the 143 American Philatelic Association (APA) members at the beginning of 1887, one was a Knoxvillean. Dr. S. B. Boyd, M.D., of Knoxville, Tenn., is listed under "Members in Good Standing". So who was this Dr. Boyd?

Up comes the second of my two historic philatelic publications, *The Home Worker*, official organ of The Knoxville Philatelic Society. In a group of papers donated to the KPS by former KPS member Bob Toal, I discovered a copy of the KPS official "newsletter". The publication is dated April 1896 and states that the KPS was "organized December 1885." Dr. S. B. Boyd is listed as President. One could join the KPS for 25 cents annually.

From *The Home Worker* page reproduced below, I learned that KPS President Dr. Boyd "had over 8000 [stamp] varieties but he is disposing of some 6000 with a view to specializing in United States and Great Britain only." "Doctor Sam" was a member of the APS, Society of Philatelists and the Society of Philatelic Americans. Take a minute to read the article below to see what early collecting years were like and the climate for collecting in Knoxville, described as "quite a philatelic centre."

<p>194</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>THE HOME WORKER.</i></p> <hr/> <h2 style="text-align: center;">The Knoxville Philatelic Society.</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">KNOXVILLE, TENN., U. S. A. Organized December, 1885.</p> <p><i>Dr. S. B. Boyd, President, Knoxville, Tenn.</i> <i>Chas. Ducloux, Vice President, Knoxville, Tenn.</i> <i>H. Fenton, Secretary and Treasurer, Knoxville, Tenn.</i> <i>Chas. Waring, Exchange Superintendent.</i> <i>C. B. Tompkins, Librarian.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DIRECTORS. <i>C. B. Tompkins, Ed. Maynard.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICIAL ORGAN: THE HOME WORKER.</p> <hr/> <p>Applications for membership can be obtained from the Secretary. Initiation fee 25c Annual dues 25c.</p> <p>Knoxville, Tenn., for a city of its size, is quite a philatelic centre. It has a thriving local organization, The Knoxville Philatelic Society, organized December, 1885, the present membership being twenty-four.</p> <p>There are several unusually fine collections here, the accumulation of over 25 years collecting in some cases. Among those worthy of note are, Mr. Chas. Waring's with over 11,000 varieties. Dr. S. B. Boyd had over 8000 varieties but he is disposing of some 6000 with a view to specializing in United States and Great Britain only. Mr. C. G. Schrader has about 6000 varieties, his collection being exceptionally strong in Colombian Republic and South Americans. The Secretary has a good collection of British Empire, about 3,500 varieties, and quite a number of the K. P. S. members have collections of from 1500 to 3000 varieties.</p> <p>The "boys" albums will probably compare favorably with those of any city, the officers of the society having made it a point to encourage the juvenile members in every way possible, and have transferred many a hundred stamps from their duplicates "without money and without price."</p> <p>Some of the "notables" of the collections are; Canada, 1855, 10p.; Queensland, 1860, 1p.; Turk's Islands, 1873-79, 4p. on 6p.; Bermuda and Jamaica, complete; Reunion, 1852, 15c blue; Schleswig Holstein, 1850, 1s used;</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">195</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>THE HOME WORKER.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Nevis, 1861, 4p.; Nova Scotia, 1851-53, 6p. dark green; U. S. old issues, and Departments practically complete; Confederate States, all General issues and Provisional stamps of Baton Rouge, Knoxville, Lynchburg, Memphis, Mobile, New Orleans, Petersburg, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>Dr. S. B. Boyd, President of the K. P. S., member of the A. P. A., S. of P., S. P. A. and other societies, is one of the leading Physicians of Knoxville, and an ardent Philatelist. He commenced collecting 25 years ago and his collection contained over 8000 varieties, but, like many others, he found out that he could not get "everything" and this year decided to dispose of his general collection retaining only his United States and Great Britain.</p> <p>He displayed sound judgment in his selection of these two English speaking countries, the opportunities for a specialist, and consequently student, being practically unlimited.</p> <p>Doctor Sam, as he is usually called, is a prime favorite with the members, and a monthly meeting at his residence is sure to be a full one. With jokes and anecdotes, philatelic and otherwise, he keeps things moving and the occasion is one to be remembered.</p> <p>He is always ready to extend the hand of fellowship to his brother philatelists and many a young collector has to thank the doctor for specimens and advice.</p> <p>His collection at present numbers 1868 varieties including 710 U. S. adhesives and revenues, 695 entires, 38 Confederates and 425 Great Britain.</p> <p>Some of his gems are: 90c blue 1857, 3c rose grilled all over. 15c black 11x13. In the 1870-71 issue the 7c, 5c and 90c; all the stamps issued since 1893 in unused condition; the carrier stamp of Baltimore on original cover; 1c short rays horseman; 1c blue eagle on cover; 5c black N. Y.; 5c black Providence; 9c newspaper; all the Department stamps except the dollar values of State and the 1c Executive. Among his Confederates he has all the regular issues and the following Locals: Knoxville red, Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville blue, Fredericksburgh, Mobile, Baton Rouge and Lynchburgh.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><p>Bruce Roberts recently discovered that he had actual copies of <i>The Home Worker</i>, and has scanned them for this article and future KPS newsletters.</p></div>
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What more could I find about Dr. Boyd? Samuel B. Boyd, Jr. was born March 24, 1853 in Knoxville, Tennessee to Samuel and Susan Boyd. Samuel, Jr.'s father was a prominent member of the Knoxville bar, and a distant relative of Confederate spy, Belle Boyd. Sam graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1866 and then continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1875, returned to Knoxville and began his medical practice. In 1876 Dr. Boyd became the city physician following the resignation of Dr. A. B. Tadlock.

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Chas. Waring.

A HOME WORKER representative had an occasion to call on Mr. Chas. Waring the Sales Manager of The Knoxville Philatelic Society, at his office on Clinch St. the other day and found him eagerly bending over a large album of stamps.

"Mr. Waring, you certainly have a fine collection of stamps."

"Yes, I suppose I have about as fine a collection as there is in Knoxville, at least, I have a greater number of varieties. This album here is only one of six in which I have my varieties mounted, and if you will notice, I keep them well arranged for ready reference."

"When and how did you first become interested in stamp collecting?"

"I first began collecting stamps when a boy and have been an earnest devotee ever since."

In the spring of 1851, while still a small boy, I paid a visit to a lawyer relative in Ireland who had a large correspondence in Great Britain and colonies and now and then a letter from a foreign country. He did not believe in giving money to small boys without some return, so he paid me for small ser-

vices; one of my duties being to cut up sheets of postage stamps (then unperforated) and arrange them in boxes for use.

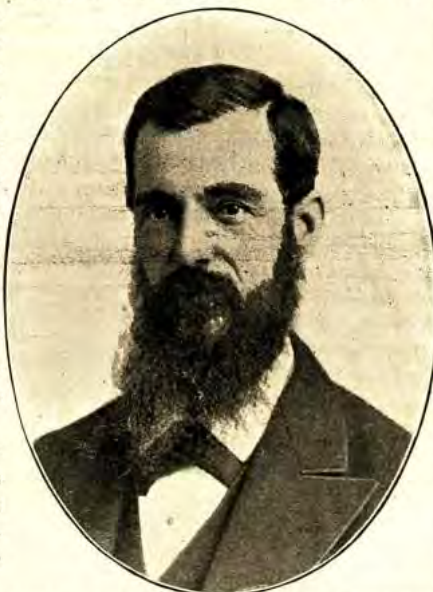
I soon began to admire the different colors and designs, and commenced to paste into a pocket-book the prettiest of used stamps found in the waste basket, or picked up here and there.

From this time I collected almost all used stamps I come across and several now in my collection have been in my possession ever since.

In 1856, while at school near London England, I gave an old lady friend 5000 stamps to help get an orphan into an asylum; Wish I had them now to sort over.

During my college and professional years I was too busy to give much time to stamps; but held on to those I had and about 1874 in Knoxville, I began to arrange my stamps alphabetically in a blank book, having no catalogue to guide me. Soon after this I procured a catalogue and started to buy stamps to fill up vacancies.

During the past 12 years I have devoted considerable time to philately and gradually learned something of perforations, grills, water-marks, texture of



paper, shades, surcharges, etc., but still I know there is much to learn.

In 1890 I joined the P. S. of A., and bought and sold some stamps through the Society before it broke up, and in 1893, through the influence of Dr. S. B. Boyd, the worthy President of the K. P. S., I became a member of the A. P. A. Since then I have been buying stamps and selling duplicates right along.

I have now 8 900 varieties, all countries, mounted in six albums and have never (knowingly) sold any but duplicates. I prefer buying from approval sheets; in this way you can examine stamps before purchasing. Still, I have bought at auction sales, (by mail,) also by order from A 1 dealers and have always got value for my money, though I prefer the approval sheet method for adding to a collection of 5000 or over.

I consider philately an interesting way of passing time which might be worse spent. I have collected minerals, fossils, coins, and birds' eggs and consider stamp collecting whips the lot,

From a commercial standpoint, a collection of stamps judiciously made is a good investment. Rare stamps have increased largely in value in the last ten years and I see no reason to doubt that they will continue to grow more valuable with time. Besides, many stamps now obtainable for a song, may become rare and rise in price by a change of government or design or other cause."

"I suppose these boxes contain duplicates."

"Yes, just three million!"

So from my research and findings I discovered that the KPS has a history dating back over 100 years and that a Knoxvillean was among the earliest members of the American Philatelic Society, known in 1887 as the American Philatelic Association. I'm sure there is much more to be learned about the early KPS and its members. Maybe you will tell us about other early KPS members, such as Charles Waring, mentioned in the article above, or C. G. Schrader or Charles Rhea, in future articles in the KPS News.

KPS Saturday Meeting is a Success

By Tom Broadhead

June 26 saw a dozen KPS members descend on the community room at the First Christian Church in Maryville for our second special Saturday meeting. Our host, KPS member Roy Row, is Pastor of the church and welcomed us with a sandwich buffet lunch.



There were plenty of stamp shopping opportunities, and Stu Hanlein, Randy Haese, Jean Byrne, and Roy Row (above) engaged in some serious shopping from the APS Circuit Sales books.

Ralph Dinwiddie (below) gave a spectacular presentation about unusual stamps, including phonograph records and odd shapes, metal and other



odd materials, and stamps that incorporated meteorite dust, tennis court clay, and plant seeds – just to name a few. He passed around examples for all to see the variety of strange materials and shapes of many recent stamps.

KPS Board Meeting – June 29

The Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on June 29. President Stu Hanlein called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. There were 8 officers and board

members and two other KPS members present. Stu thanked Jim Pettway for the e-mail reminders and announcements that he sends to alert members of meetings and events. Stu requested that a thank you note be sent to Roy Row for hosting the June Saturday meeting.

The next Saturday meeting is planned for August 28 at McClung Museum on the UT campus. Elaine Evans has reserved space on that date. The following Saturday meeting will be December 4, and Bruce Roberts, Tom Broadhead, and Stu Hanlein will investigate locations.

The board approved the 1 7/8 x 3 1/8 size for the KPS logo to be embroidered on shirts. The club will pay the set-up fee, and Thomas Lane presented preliminary costs, which will be discussed at the July meeting.

The KPS Holiday Dinner will be Tuesday, December 7. Jim Pettway and Thomas Lane are investigating possibilities, and both have reserved rooms at local buffet restaurants. The Board approved a motion that would have each member pay \$10, with the club covering additional costs, including tip and tax.

The proposal to select the 150th Anniversary of the Knoxville Provisional Confederate Stamps as the theme for Knoppex 2011 was approved to take to the membership for consideration at the July meeting.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:05 prior to the 5th Tuesday swap and shop meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Broadhead, stand-in secretary

Mark Your Calendar for the KPS Holiday Party – December 7

The votes are in, and the reservation is made. Our December monthly meeting will be held at the Great American Steak & Buffet Company, located at 900 Merchant Drive, a little less than a mile west of I-75. Thanks go to Thomas Lane for making the arrangements. Further details will be forthcoming.

Summer Bourse – August 28-29

KPS dealer member, Bill Muenzer, has passed the organizational baton for the traditional summer bourse to familiar Knoppex dealer, Bill Vance (B&W Stamps). The bourse will be at the Holiday Inn at Cedar Bluff Rd., our customary Knoppex location. Bill Muenzer will be there, along with 6 more dealers. Don't miss this two-day opportunity to shop for stamps to fill those empty album spaces.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 3

Member and Friend News

Longtime KPS dealer-member Bill Muenzer's health has caused him to close our favorite Knoxville retail stamp shop – K-Town Stamps.

Forrest Conklin continues to recuperate at home from surgery and a long hospitalization.

Richard Elkins, our long time friendly postal clerk at the Weisgarber post office and for many years at Knoxpex, passed away July 14.

We are keeping these friends and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Going to the Precancel Show

By Stu Hanlein

If all goes well, I will not be seeing you all at the August meeting as I hope to attend the Precancel Stamp Society's 89th annual Convention in Burlington, VT. I really enjoy this show because it's unlike any other stamp show. Most of the dealers are collectors and they are knowledgeable of what they are selling and what they are looking for as well. It is a very informal group with collectors showing up at the door opening in the morning and reluctantly leaving when the security people lock the doors at midnight! There are tables set aside for collectors and when people find out what your interests might be you

will see more material of interest than at any other show you will attend.

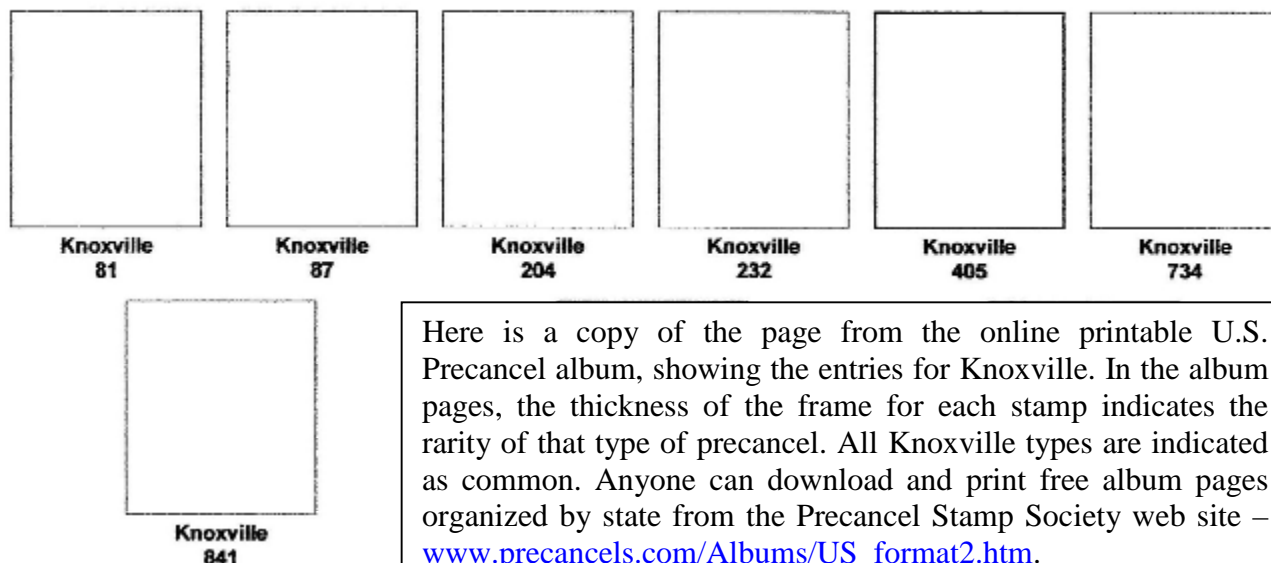
The PERFIN collectors club has joined in with us and have their dealers in attendance as well--a lot of them deal in both and then there are usually other stamps to be had as well. There will even be a tour of Ben & Jerrys ice cream facility at no extra charge! Hopefully, the PSS can host a convention closer to home so you all can see why I love this show! I'll have some stories for you when I return.

KPS Auction Lots Update

By Bruce Roberts

Through the end of June, we have sold \$487.95 from the Regency Auction lots – 40% of our original purchase. Including our August meeting, there will only be three more silent auction sales featuring 60 lots of these stamps. There are many U.S. singles and foreign singles, sets, and collections. Some of the highlights coming up for auction soon are the 6c, 8c, and 10c Columbians, and a nice copy of U.S. C3 – the bicolor 24c first airmail.

If you have placed bids, don't forget to come to the meeting to complete your purchases. There are about 40 lots that had no bids on their auction dates, and these are available to buy at the minimum!



Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 7

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New Holiday Stamps Will Be “Forever”

On July 6, the US Postal Service announced that the proposed “Holiday Evergreen” stamps, originally planned to be issued with a 44 cent denomination, would be “Forever” stamps. There is no doubt that these are attractive stamps and appropriate as this year’s secular holiday issues. I have mixed feelings about these being added to the “Forever” category,



currently occupied solely by the Liberty Bell stamp.

However, the USPS press release gives information that helps to justify this decision. Earlier this year, the USPS requested an increase of 2 cents in first class postal rates, with letters rising to 46 cents and post

cards rising to 30 cents. The increases are projected to raise \$2.3 billion for the cash-strapped USPS. If approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission, the new rate will go into effect on January 2, 2011.

A lot of Americans purchase holiday stamps to use on their mail in December, and the USPS has done us all a little favor by giving the evergreens a forever designation. For me, it also means that in December 2011, when I discover a few 2010 evergreen stamps, I can still use them to mail holiday greetings! Otherwise, my preference is that “Forever” stamp designs be reserved for special national symbols.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

We had an interesting presentation on 3-page exhibits by VP Tom Ringenbach at our August 3rd meeting, and I hope some of you have been inspired to give it a try. There are so many areas of interest in our group and the exhibit in November should be enlightening.

Remember that our membership auction will be at the October meeting. Each member can submit up to 10 items for the auction. Get your lots together now and use the form included in this newsletter. There will be no percentage going to the club – the seller gets the full sales price (to buy more of other people’s lots, of course). We will not offer any club lots so we can accommodate all the member lots. The remaining unsold Regency Auctions lots will be for sale in the Knoxville auction in March.

August was one of those months where we had three meetings, including a 5th Tuesday and our Saturday meeting on the 28th at the McClung Museum, thanks to the hospitality of Elaine Evans our Egyptologist. If that wasn’t enough, we had the Knoxville Summer Stamp Show on the 28th and 29th that was sponsored by Bill Muenzer in the past and now taken over by Bill Vance. So August really had a lot of stamp shopping opportunities.

On a personal note, I wish Bill Muenzer the best in his battle with his medical problems. Bill was the first KPS member that I met when I moved to Knoxville in 2000 and he invited me to attend a meeting and join the club. After ten years Bill has closed K-Town Stamps, and we will miss his service to the KPS and the many dealings that club members have enjoyed with him. He was aware of what we all collected and made an effort to supply our needs when he had the opportunity to acquire the materials. Our prayers are with him as he undergoes more treatments.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 3, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 22 members present. Prior to the meeting members were able to purchase or bid on the latest auction lots. Bruce Roberts started his seminar series on exhibiting.

President Stu Hanlein called the meeting to order at 7:10. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Thomas Lane presented the treasurer's report. For the past month the club had income of \$84 and expenses of \$223. The current club accounts total \$7,665.48.

In old business, samples of the shirts displaying the KPS logo were shown. The shirts will be embroidered by Athletic Printers at a cost of \$3.28 per shirt. KPS is paying for all set up charges. Members should bring a shirt in a zip-lock bag with their name and payment to the next few meetings. When about 20 shirts have been collected they will be taken to the vendor. Members were reminded of a Saturday meeting on August 28 at the McClung Museum on the UT campus. The program on "Images of the Sphinx on Stamps" will be presented by KPS member, Elaine Evans. There will be a board meeting and a 5th Tuesday meeting on August 31.

Regular Knoppex dealer Bill Vance has organized a stamp bourse on August 28 & 29 at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff. Best wishes and prayers for Bill Muenzer, the organizer of previous Knoxville summer events. Jim Pettway presented two APS awards to Tom Broadhead: GOLD for chapter newsletter and another award for best stamp show program. Ralph Dinwiddie gave an update on preparation of the newsletter DVD. In discussion of club history, Bruce Roberts asked if anyone had knowledge of a stamp club in Knoxville from 1895 to

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Annual dues are \$15.00.

KPS Officers:

President	Stu Hanlein
Past President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Vice President	Tom Ringenbach
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Jim Pettway, Gary Rehberg Bruce Roberts, Tom Broadhead
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

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.

the mid 1960's.

In new business the club approved a "special membership" for the remainder of the year for \$5.00, to be offered at Bill Vance's bourse. The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs requested sponsors for its show September 26-27 in Atlanta. The club approved a \$70.00 expenditure for an ad in the program and sponsorship of the youth table. Bruce Roberts will be exhibit chairman for this event and asked for KPS members to help with take down on Sunday afternoon. Thomas Lane discussed the status of KPS with the IRS. A motion was passed to pay the \$400.00 IRS fee and for Thomas to submit the paperwork for KPS to get the 504c7 status.

Jim Pettway has a set of Fleetwood proof cards for sale, and Randy Haese has boxes of "stuff" for members to search. Rich Kaplan noted organizations that are looking for donations for collectors. Mike Kauffman gave a booklet of early Philippines stamps to each member present. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Tom Ringenbach gave the program on "clothesline exhibiting" and showed an example from his Civil War era fancy cancels. The club has scheduled such an exhibit as the program for the November meeting, and all members are encouraged to put together a three-page exhibit. Thanks to Tom for the knowledge he conveyed and presenting the idea as a program for future meetings.

Submitted, Charlie Wade, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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

September 7 – KPS monthly meeting – Program on forgeries. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

October 5 – KPS monthly meeting – KPS Live Auction. Bring your auction lots early and get ready to bid!

November 2 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: Show your own 3-page clothesline exhibit!

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp, donated by Mike Kauffman, is a 10 koruna definitive stamp of Czechoslovakia (Scott 393) issued in 1949. Zvolen Castle, in present day Slovakia, was built in 1360-1382, and today houses an art gallery and theatre.

The Unique Knoxville 10 Cent Provisional Stamp

By Tom Broadhead

When something is called “unique,” it is purported to be “one of a kind.” Unique is one of those absolute words. Nothing can be “almost unique” or “nearly unique.” Several famous stamps are considered to be unique. Among those are the 1 cent British Guiana black on magenta paper (Scott 13) and the 1 skilling Sweden error of color (Scott 1a). At the time they were printed, several examples of each of these would have been produced, but only a single copy of each is presently known.

Knoxville falls within that same elite group of stamp-issuing entities from which only a single copy of a postal issue is known. Following the demonetization of U.S. stamps on June 1, 1861, Knoxville postmaster Charles W. Charlton began issuing provisional prepaid imprinted envelopes. The first Knoxville adhesive stamps, 5 cent and 10 cent, were issued in designs influenced by the provisional stamps issued in Nashville by W.D. McNish. The 5 cent Knoxville stamp (Scott 47X1) is not extremely rare, and catalogs used and unused for \$1,400. The unique 10 cent (Scott 47X3) catalogs for a mere \$57,750 on cover.

Part of the fascination of the 10 cent Knoxville stamp is its history, and part of that is a controversy. In the March 25, 1987 auction catalog of Christie’s Robson Lowe, it is described as having been discovered by O.D. Walbridge in 1886. The Robert A. Siegel Galleries Sale 788 (1997) reports that Walbridge sold it to J.S. Smith in 1892, and that Smith sold it to F.T. Hoyt that same year. Both catalogs indicate that it later became part of the collection of Count Philippe la Renotiere von Ferrari, the most celebrated philatelist of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Following Ferrari’s death in 1917, the Knoxville cover sold for approximately \$650 in 1922. Thereafter, it passed through two of the most famous collections in the United States, those of Alfred Caspary and Josiah Lilly. It sold in the Caspary collection sale for \$2,900 in 1956 and in the Lilly sale for \$8,500 in 1967. In the 1987 Christie’s Robson Lowe auction of the “D. Scott Gallagher Collection of Tennessee Postal History During the Civil War,” it sold for a very respectable \$29,700, \$300 less than the auction estimate.



Following the Christie’s sale, the Philatelic Foundation issued expert opinion 0172356 on September 2, 1987, stating “This is the only recorded example. Our experts & consultants feel it is bogus.” What followed was a five-year research crusade by postal historian Richard Graham attempting to prove that it is genuine. Graham’s research is published in *The Confederate Philatelist* in 1989-1990, and he kindly allowed it to be printed in the Knoxville

Philatelic Society newsletter in 1995 (v. 14, no. 5, 6, 8, 9), which all KPS members will be able to view on Ralph Dinwiddie’s upcoming cd compilation of our newsletters.

One issue was the very faint postmark, and Graham’s research group documented that an early cleaning of the cover had removed part of it. The faint rings, without inscription are attributed to the likelihood that the postal clerk rotated the edge of the “5 PAID” marking to cancel the stamp, but not leave an ambiguous value imprint. The paper on which the stamp was printed was compared with all available 5 cent stamps, leading to the conclusion that there had been two printings of the 5 cent, and that the 10c “laid paper” matched the earlier printing. The type of paper and design of the envelope indicates that it was homemade and not commercially produced.

See the rest of the story on page 4.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 7

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The distance traveled from Knoxville to Ashland, Virginia was very close to the 500 miles that required 10 cents postage. Additionally, a later Confederate cover mailed to the addressee, Mrs. Jane M. Tiller, was known, and both genealogical and census data confirmed that she was a real person living near Ashland, Virginia.

With these and other detailed findings at hand, the cover and stamp were again submitted to the Philatelic Foundation for an expert opinion. The result was opinion 0241540, issued on February 17, 1993, stating "On cover to Ashland, Va. And we are of the opinion that: it is the genuine Scott 47X3, used on cover." Subsequently, with its new expert determination, this great piece of Knoxville history went on sale in the 1997 Siegel Auction 788, where it sold for \$52,500, less than the \$60,000-80,000 presale estimate. It has not been exhibited or sold since, but it's interesting to speculate what price it might achieve in an auction today.

KPS Logo

By Stu Hanlein

Treasurer Thomas Lane is the first to get a shirt with the new KPS logo embroidered on it, and it looks classy. If you want to get the logo on a shirt or shirts, bring each shirt in a one gallon zip lock bag, with your name printed in marker on the outside, to the next meeting. The logo measures 2 1/8 inches high by 3 3/8 inches wide. The colors are black, gold and dark red (similar to the picture below), which will show up best on an off-white or lighter solid color shirt.



The cost is \$3.28 per shirt, which includes sales tax. Wash your shirts first to prevent shrinkage after the logo is affixed. This project has come a long way since I first saw the embroidered logo shirts at "Washington 2006." Thanks go to Tom Broadhead for the design and to Thomas Lane and Gary Rehberg for follow-up to make it a reality. I look forward to seeing a sea of official KPS shirts with our logos at our meetings and the next Knoxpex.

KPS Live Auction – October 5

By Tom Broadhead

Bruce Roberts and I look forward to helping you sell your extra stamps and covers at our October 5 live KPS auction. Carefully label your lots so that we know how to present them, and don't forget to complete the auction form in this month's newsletter. Last year's auction was a huge success, with almost 100 lots up for sale. Please remember to come to the meeting early – we have to be cleared out and all sales settled by 9:00.

KPS Auction Lots Update

By Bruce Roberts

We are wrapping up the 2010 KPS auction of collections purchased in the spring at Regency Auctions. The September KPS meeting will have the last of the silent auctions for these stamps. After that, they will still be available at the minimum bid price, but I won't have them with me at all KPS meetings. Any lots unsold after the January meeting will be offered in the Knoxpex 2011 live auction.

If you have placed bids, don't forget to come to the next meeting to settle your account.

Member and Friend News

Jo Mynatt's mother, Barbara DeArmond, who regularly attends our meetings, continues to improve after an auto accident, in which Jo and Ron were also injured but have recovered.

We are keeping our friends and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

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This and That

Are you getting all you can from your KPS membership? Jim Pettway, our APS representative and email blaster, sends regular email notices of meetings and events. Please email Jim at jbpettway@comcast.net with your preferred contact to get on his distribution list.

Congratulations to Bruce Roberts for reaching one of life's milestones – retirement. A charter member of our club, Bruce has a Ph.D. in chemistry, but for many years was a technology guru for the Knoxville Community Development Corporation. Bruce was a long time stamp dealer and sold his stock to Bill Muenzer several years ago. Since then, he continues to be an avid pursuer of early Arkansas postal history and is the Arkansas area editor for the Confederate Stamp Alliance. Now, he will have more time for stamps, and he will need that to tackle his latest acquisition, described later in this issue.



On September 5, the USPS issued a stamp honoring Mother Teresa, one of the late 20th century's iconic humanitarian figures. Born in Albania in 1910, she moved to India in 1931, founding the "Missionaries of Charity" in 1950 to minister to the most needy. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, became an honorary U.S. citizen in 1996, and has been featured on many stamps, worldwide.

Don't forget – **October is Stamp Collecting Month**. If you haven't done so lately, treat yourself and your collection to some new finds at the KPS members auction on October 5!

President's Column

Our deluge of stamp activities over the end of August and first week of September is over. As my wife said to me "Aren't you stamped out?" To which I replied, "It'll never happen!" We had our fifth Tuesday meeting, Bill Muenzer's show for the weekend (taken over for Bill by Bill Vance), our Saturday meeting at McClung Museum, with an expert presentation on sphinxes on stamps by Elaine Evans, and then our first Tuesday regular meeting. I have to say we had a little something for everyone and I attended all of them wearing my new KPS logo shirt.

I recommend everyone get their shirts to Thomas Lane (washed to prevent shrinkage); at \$3.28 per shirt this is a real bargain! I got a lot of positive comments on the shirt from the dealers at the show.

Bill Vance asked me to express his appreciation for the support our club gave to the show. We had our special membership offer of \$5.00 for the rest of the year prominently displayed at the registration desk. Bill also donated some supplies for our beginner's table at Knoxpex. Thanks Bill. By the way, Bill Muenzer made a brief appearance at the show. His spirits are up but his immune system is down so he has to avoid crowds. Our prayers are with him for his recovery.

We were saddened at the sudden death of Ralph Dinwiddie's father just days before celebrating his 80th birthday. Our best wishes to Ralph and his family. On a happier note, Jo Mynatt's mother, Barbara, has recuperated enough to attend our September meeting. It was nice to see she is improving after the accident, from which Jo and Ron escaped with minor injuries.

Finally, after this deluge of meetings, your board has decided to schedule the Saturday meetings on a regular basis instead of on the months with 5 Tuesdays. Stay tuned for scheduling details.

Tom Broadhead

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 7, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 23 members present. Prior to the meeting members were able to purchase or bid on the latest auction lots.

The meeting was called to order by President Stu Hanlein at 7:10 PM. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Thomas Lane presented the treasurers report. For the past month the club had income of \$ 218.66 and expenses of \$276.23. The current club accounts total \$7,597.91. Thomas reported the club has recovered about 60% of the cost of the February Regency auction purchase.

In old business, Stu mentioned that the dealer bourse at the Holiday Inn on August 28 & 29 was a success. Bill Vance thanked the KPS for their members support. Members were again reminded to bring their shirts for monogramming to the next meeting.

In new business and announcements the following items were presented:

- The board recommends that the Saturday meetings beginning in 2011 be held on the 3rd Saturday in February, May, August and November
- Bruce Roberts will check the availability of Powell Presbyterian Church for the next Saturday meeting: either November 20 or December 4.
- The upcoming Southeast Stamp Show in Atlanta is September 24-26. Bruce Roberts is exhibit

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chairman and reports 139 frames of exhibits, Bruce needs help Thursday and Sunday of that weekend in set-up/tear-down of the exhibits.

- The board and club discussed how the KPS could support the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. The consensus was the club could provide financial support but it was pointed out that volunteer support was what was most needed.
- Tom Broadhead told the members of an upcoming estate sale in Knoxville on September 11 which includes stamps.
- Bill Vance is sponsoring a dealer show in Lexington the weekend of September 11.
- Richard Ehrlich asked if anyone had a signed copy of the KPS constitution and bylaws. Charlie Wade will check the historical secretary files.
- The October KPS meeting will be an auction of members' lots.
- Tom Ringenbach showed examples of album pages he has created with Microsoft Word.

Following the business meeting, Dave Warfel presented a program on “World Fakes and Forgeries.” Dave attended an APS seminar on this subject in June in Bellefonte, PA. In his presentation Dave explained that “philatelic forgery” is to defraud collectors; “postal forgery” is to defraud governments. He presented several examples of such, followed by questions and answers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted, Charlie Wade, Secretary

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October 5 – KPS monthly meeting – KPS Live Auction. Bring your auction lots early and get ready to bid!

November 2 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: Show your own 3-page clothesline exhibit!

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, a part of last year's Regency Auction lot purchase, is the 1878 issue of Brazil,



showing Emperor Dom Pedro, of the Portuguese royal family, on a 100 reis stamp (Scott 72). These stamps were rouletted, and some copies show small, widely spaced teeth, like the one pictured here. Brazil became a republic in 1889.

Three Page Clothesline Exhibit

By Tom Ringenbach

Our November club meeting will unveil a new project for us – clothesline exhibiting. As the name implies, this is a fun and very informal means of “dipping your toe” into the world of philatelic exhibiting, hanging your exhibit pages from a clothesline! And, it gives each of us a chance to showcase a small piece of our collection to our fellow club members.

At our August meeting, I presented an example of a three page exhibit from my collection of fancy cancels, and my title page is shown below, reduced in size. The topic you decide to exhibit is limited only by your imagination and material available from your collection. And remember, with only three pages to work with, your biggest problem will not be coming up with enough material, but culling down your inventory to what will fit!

Patriotic Shield Cancellations of the Civil War Era

The popularity of fancy cancellations reached new heights in the 1860's among postmasters of offices both large and small, as well as with the general population of postal patrons. Of course, that same decade witnessed the immersion of this country into a terrible civil war. The latter clearly influenced the former. As patriotic fervor grew, especially in the Union, many postmasters and their talented clerks expressed their patriotism in the creation of patriotic-themed fancy cancellation devices.

The shield was a particularly popular design, possibly because it represented military strength and, in particular, defensive strength. Many in the North certainly felt they were defending the Constitution from those who would attack it.

This exhibit is a sampling of the dozens of shield designs that were created during the decade of the 1860's and applied to mail carrying the three cent general issue of 1861. This stamp was in general use from mid-1861 up to 1869, when it was finally replaced.



One of the most intricate patriotic designs was created and used at Corry, Pa. It depicted an eagle with a shield on its breast. Within the shield is a horizontal row of stars and vertical stripes. Actually, several versions of this design were created, since the cork cancellers wore out quickly and had to be replaced.

See the rest of the story on the following page.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 5

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Here's a recap of the guidelines I shared with members in August.

1. You're trying to tell a philatelic story, albeit a very small one. Pick a small topic to fit the space available. For example, the Great Americans issue of 1980-85 contains 26 stamps; that's way too many to explain in three pages. But choosing just one stamp and showing some combination of the stamp, plate numbers, printing variations, a first day cover, or an example or two of the stamp used to pay the rate for which it was issued would make a great exhibit!
2. As with any exhibit, you need a title page. In this case, probably a title "half-page" is more than sufficient (see my title page for an example). A short paragraph can tell the viewers what you will show them and enough background to help them appreciate why you picked this topic to exhibit. Four or five sentences will likely do the trick.
3. Devote some thought to the most logical sequence for displaying your material. Remember, you know your subject very well; your viewers may not be familiar with it at all. Help them by telling them in the title page what they will see and then presenting your material to them in a way that will elicit an "aha" as they move from page to page.
4. Don't waste precious space. Use the bottom portion of your title page to begin telling your story. That is, fill it with stamps or a cover.

That's really all there is to it. The main purpose of the clothesline exhibit project is to unleash some of the philatelic creative juices locked up in all of us and have some fun doing it.

There is no formal judging in November, but we will have an opportunity to vote for the most popular exhibit, with great prizes in the form of stamps from our Regency club lots. First prize is \$25 credit; second prize is \$15 credit; and third prize is \$10 credit.

Plenty of time remains to put your exhibit together. Plan on joining in on the fun at our KPS November meeting.

I found the horde in Richmond

Bruce Roberts

Every collector dreams about finding a large amount of just what he/she collects, and I am no different. I collect revenue stamps with complete dates on them, trying to get as many different dates between 1862 and 1967 as I can. Since there are about 40,000 days in that period, I try not to pay too much for each stamp. At the APS *StampShow* in Richmond this month, a dealer had a box filled with bank checks; some had revenue stamps on them, and some were revenue stamped paper. The dealer indicated a price for each and I started pulling out stamps with dates I needed. As the pile increased, I finally asked the dealer what price he wanted for the whole box. We haggled and I paid a lovely price (to me) for the whole box. I estimate there are about 4,000 checks in the box, most dated between 1865 and 1875, but the revenue stamped paper goes well into the 1880's, and there are some checks from the Spanish American War era. I have already pulled out 200 different

stamps that I needed for my collection and anticipate finding up to 500 more! The picture shows the box with my treasure in it. I love these opportunities, the thrill never gets smaller!



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Teaching a Class on Stamps

This fall, I am teaching a 1-credit freshman seminar at UT – about stamps! This isn't a "how to collect" course, although I hope that some of the freshman honors students in the class will become interested. The course title is "Images of Nations and Peoples," and the focus is a consideration of images that countries choose to place on their stamps in order to promote themselves to their own people and to the world.

The first class project and presentation involved each student selecting a country and writing a short paper, with images of stamps, that characterized the country



over the last 30 year. Some chose countries of their ancestry, including China, Mexico, Phillipines, and Sweden. One chose Ukraine, based on a mission trip

experience. The "Exporta" series of Mexico was discussed in a student presentation and in a class contrasting art and industry.

Our discussions of people on stamps have ranged from heads of government to those who are recognized by their countries for other contributions. October is the season for the Nobel Prizes, and we spent a little time talking about Alfred Nobel.



Students in the class also attend lectures and cultural events, and then find a stamp or two to illustrate a brief essay. For me, it's a chance to share my passion for stamps and spend quality time in the classroom with 19 students.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I would like to thank the club members who supported our club member's auction at our October meeting. Bruce Roberts did his usual fine job as auctioneer and we had lots of bidding with about 70 lots. Thomas Lane did a great job, collecting from the buyers and paying the sellers in record time! I lost about 5 pounds running from one side of the room to the other trying to keep the lots in order. We have a great team and we got some practice in for KNOXPEX 2011!

I hope we have some great 3 page clothesline exhibits for the November meeting. Unfortunately, I will miss the show as my wife and I have been drafted into babysitting for our 10 month old granddaughter in MD for the next 3 weeks. It was a difficult decision but my family commitments won out in the end. Don't forget that November 2 is Election Day, and I hope everyone will vote early, so you can be at our meeting! One of our own club members, Harry Brooks, is on the ballot for the TN House of Representatives-19th Representative District and would appreciate your support! He is unopposed in this election!

I look forward to getting a full report at our December Christmas dinner meeting at the Great America Steak Out on Merchants Drive. We also have our next Saturday meeting on December 4th at Bruce Robert's church, Powell Presbyterian Church. These Saturday meetings have been most enjoyable and you get to meet some of our members who cannot attend our night time meetings. There should be more details on location and time at the November meeting.

I wish all our members and their families a very happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with your family.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 5, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 1 members and guests present. The meeting was the club's annual "Stamp Collecting Month" live auction.

Members brought in their lots beginning at 6:00, and they were laid out by owner on the tables. This year's lots included a wide assortment of single stamps, sets, covers, and albums. All proceeds went to sellers, so there was no problem offering items for less than a dollar.



Stu Hanlein, Brian Mason, guests, and Randy Haese spent time examining some of the lots.

Veteran auctioneer, Bruce Roberts, started the sale at 7:00, and at the end of the evening, treasurer Thomas Lane reported sales of \$565



Thomas Lane and Bruce Roberts conferred about auction procedures, and Bruce stepped up to the table to begin the auction.

There were many bargains to be had, and Charlie Wade reported that he bought several 20th century mint US stamps. The Mystic catalog priced them at \$385 (plus shipping), and Charlie's total cost at the KPS auction was only \$35.

Thanks for all the sellers, buyers, KPS members who ran the logistics, and to Jim Pettway for the photos.

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December 7 – KPS monthly meeting, gift exchange, and Holiday Dinner – Great American Steak & Buffet, 900 Merchants Rd in North Knoxville! Look for details in the December newsletter.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, donated by Mike Kauffman, is a pictorial definitive (Scott 179) issued by Finland in 1930. It is a finely engraved image of a woodchopper. As the weather gets cooler, don't forget to lay away a stock of firewood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove!



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“Show Biz” – Reports from Recent Stamp Shows

By Bruce Roberts, Jim Pettway, and Tom Broadhead

StampShow 2010. Several KPS members took the trip to Richmond, Virginia in August to attend the American Philatelic Society’s annual fall meeting and show.



Tom Ringenbach (left) had just arrived at the show and was picking up his registration. Bruce Roberts (center) visited the newsletter competition table to see our gold-medal winning newsletter and publications of other clubs. Bruce was there to attend the meeting of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, and he is the compiler and editor for the CSA’s Arkansas section. Former KPS president, Bob Toal (right) sent a greeting to KPS. Bob is a veterinary radiologist practicing in northern Virginia and keeping up with weekly local stamp bourses and local area shows. Thanks to Bruce for the photos.

Southeastern Stamp Show 2010. The nearness of the North Atlanta suburb of Marietta was an irresistible draw for many KPS members to take the 3 hour drive in late September.



Seventeen dealers made up the bourse (left), and 139 frames of exhibits were displayed on the main floor and balcony level of the Cobb County Civic Center. KPS member Gerald Schroedl stopped to shop and visit with Heinrich Hahn (right), one of our regular Knoxpex dealers.

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Southeastern Stamp Show 2010. Bruce Roberts was the exhibit chair and won a gold award, presented (far left)



by head judge Thomas Mazza, for his exhibit on Arkansas postal history. Tom Broadhead also exhibited, winning a vermeil award for his exhibit on French mail to the US in 1926-1937. Tom also got to meet his APS protégé, Beverly Rice (left). Bev lives in Marietta and is a collector of French stamps. She's also an Oak Ridge High School graduate, where she was a classmate and longtime friend of KPS member Bill Muenzer.

Photos provided by Jim Pettway, Tom Broadhead, and Bruce Roberts.

Southeastern Stamp Show Update

By Bruce Roberts

Southeastern Stamp Show is moving to the spring in 2012, with a great opportunity next year to pair up with the APS winter show, *AmeriStamp Expo* on January 27-29. September has been a problem with local football schedules and hurricane season. Both have caused problems in the past, and there will not be a fall SESS in 2011. The APS has paired with regional shows in the past, and the SESS would be a "show within a show" with its own exhibits. In following years, the SESS would be scheduled for a weekend in mid-January to early February, perhaps the week after the Sarasota, Florida show. Northern dealers who drove to the Florida show as a winter break would be invited to participate in SESS on their way back North.

This year's show was a great success for exhibits, with 139 frames of competitive exhibits, and with 11 exhibits receiving gold medals. Unfortunately the rest of the show was not as successful. We required 22 dealers to break even on cost, and we were only able to get 17 dealers. The decision was made to

charge \$3.00 for the first time, reducing the show deficit by about \$1000.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society is now the largest member club in the Southeast. All the clubs in the Atlanta area, combined, barely beat our membership. I heard a lot of envious talk when I discussed our growth and all the things we are doing at the meetings and at our show. Webmaster, John Coles, says the Knoxville pages get the most "hits" of anything on the website, and we are one of the few clubs that constantly gives him new stuff to post. KPS is really doing things right!

Mark Your Calendar!

By Tom Broadhead

The end of November and early December will have a "flurry" of KPS get-togethers (but maybe no snow). Don't forget our 5th meeting on November 30 at the Unitarian Church, where Jim Pettway will have a new group of APS circuit sales books. On Saturday, December 4, we'll be at Bruce Roberts' church, Powell Presbyterian, at 2910 West Emory Road for more! And, don't miss the annual KPS holiday party on December 7. Details in next month's news!

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Sharing Our Interests by Exhibiting

Last month's "Clothesline Exhibit" program, organized by KPS vice president, Tom Ringenbach, brought home to me one of the great things about our hobby. At our club meetings, there is always a lot of interaction among members concerning their collecting interests.

Seeing our five clothesline exhibits, and hearing the presentations by Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, Jim Pettway, Russ Haese, and Randy Haese, gave us all some interesting perspectives on the many facets of our hobby. And, who would have dreamed that the most popular exhibit didn't show a single stamp image, but instead showed the gum on the backs of the stamps! Thanks to Randy Haese for showing us the "flip side" of philately.



Bill Muenzer and Rich Kaplan at the clothesline exhibits.

Congratulations to Bruce Roberts for the second month in a row. In late October, Bruce received notice from the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors that he is the 45th recipient of the AAPE Diamond Award. This award recognized "sustained excellence" in exhibiting and encourages collectors to exhibit at APS World Series of Philately shows. Bruce earned this special distinction for having won 10 Gold Medals over the last 10 years for his exhibit, "Arkansas Postal History: Territory to 1870."

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I look forward to seeing a large number of KPS members at our holiday dinner meeting on December 7th at the Great American Steak & Buffet. The details will be found here in the KPS News. Don't forget to bring a gift so you can participate in the fun of the gift exchange!

Before I left for Maryland to babysit our granddaughter, I read my October 2010 *American Philatelist* and found an article entitled "It's Like Magic – Removing Self-Adhesive Stamps From Paper," by Peter Butler. This is a great article for those of us who save canceled stamps and have been frustrated by the new self-adhesive ones.

I decided to look for **BESTINE Solvent and Thinner** (manufactured by Union Rubber Company), finally locating it at Michael's crafts store the day before I left for Tennessee. When I got back, I immediately tested this solvent on a selected handful of self-adhesive stamps. After I applied the fluid, the stamps almost magically peeled right off of the paper and stuck to my fingers. The article suggested using an eye dropper to apply the fluid to the paper, but I used a Q-tip which worked well for me! I sprinkled talcum powder on the back of the stamps, as the article directs, and the stickiness disappeared. I applied a hinge to the back of one stamp and it adhered firmly so I could mount this stamp in my album! Look for discount coupons in the Sunday paper or on line at Michael's, as the 16 ounce can of fluid sells for close to \$15.00. I had a 50% off coupon, thanks to my wife the crafter! I'll show you some examples at the November 30 5th Tuesday meeting.

Don't forget our upcoming Saturday meeting at the Powell Presbyterian Church, thanks to Bruce Roberts. And, remember to congratulate both Bruce & Tom Broadhead for their award winning exhibits at the Southeastern Stamp Show! Best wishes to all for a happy Holiday season with family and friends.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 2, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. There were 16 members present and one guest, Bill Watson of West Palm Beach, Florida.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Ringenbach. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Thomas Lane presented the treasurer's report. Current club accounts total \$7,181.74. The major recent expense was a \$400 filing fee with the IRS for 501 c7 non-profit tax status.

In old business the following items were presented:

- The annual holiday party will be Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 PM at the Great American Steak & Buffet on Merchants Drive. Cost to each member will be \$10.00. The club will cover extra charges, tax and tip. If members would like to participate in a gift exchange they may bring an item costing not more than \$5.00.
- Our next Saturday meeting will be at noon on December 4 at the Powell Presbyterian Church. The APS circuit books will be there for review.
- There will be a 5th Tuesday meeting on November 30 with a board meeting preceding the "swap & trade."
- An APS certificate was presented to Tom Broadhead for the 2009 Knoppex show program.

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- Jim Pettway reported checks are coming in and we plan on 13 dealers for the 2011 Knoppex bourse

In new business and announcements the following items were presented:

- The board approved an incentive for early payment of 2011 dues. Those paying by December 31 will get a \$3.00 discount (\$12.00 in lieu of the regular \$15.00.)
- Rich Kaplan told us of a quadriplegic in Toledo, Ohio who is asking for stamps for her collection. She mainly collects overprints and surcharges but would be interested in anything else. KPS decided to send them an assortment of stamps from our "junior collector" supply. We also discussed sending them a newsletter.

Following the business meeting, the program was the 3-page clothesline exhibit from members' collections. Thanks to Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, Jim Pettway, Randy Haese and Russ Haese for their exhibits.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

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January 4 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: TBA.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, courtesy of Mike Kauffman, is the \$5.00, high value of the U.S. "prexy" series showing President Calvin Coolidge (Scott 834). He was the 30th US President, serving from 1923-1929. The prexy series was issued in 1938 and served as the principal US definitive issue until the mid 1950's. These stamps are part of Mike's father's dealer stock (see KPS October 2008 news for more about Mike's dad, Lisle Kauffman).



A Great Day in Cooperstown

By Charlie Wade

On Monday, June 12, 1939 in the small upstate New York town of Cooperstown a collection of all-time baseball greats, including Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, and Walter Johnson, gathered for the opening of the Baseball Hall of Fame. But maybe unknown to the over 15,000 in attendance there was another event in town that day. In attendance was US Postmaster General James Farley for the first day issue of a stamp to honor the centennial of baseball. The idea for the stamp had originated in 1937 by the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce and the local Leatherstocking Stamp Club and fully supported by Farley. He was a life-long baseball fan and often conducted business from his seat along the first base line at Yankee Stadium.



Postmaster General, James Farley

The stamp had been a dream of the Baseball Centennial Commission and Farley. The Commission wanted the stamp to spread the news of the centennial to people with only a casual interest in the sport. For much of the spring of 1939 Farley was said to be in deep thought on the design of the stamp. Some urged that he select the image of founders of baseball Abner Doubleday or Alexander Cartwright. But in the end he chose the image of boys playing ball on a town square.

To the left of the drawing on the rectangular violet 3c issue was a small window with superimposed image of a catcher's mask in the center, crossed bats in the back, and the inscription, "1839 – 1939." Even with this design baseball purists criticized numerous inaccuracies including the umpire's clothing, the pitchers stance and baseball gloves. In those days most players went bare handed. One aged fan even noted that in the early days a mitt wearing catcher was branded a "sissy."



The first stamp was sold by Cooperstown Postmaster Melvin Bundy and Farley to Commissioner of Baseball, Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis. The postal officials had prepared well --- bringing in sixty extra men who used a special canceling machine. Orders for the covers came from stamp dealers across the country.

With proper advertising the local stamp club thought it could sell twenty thousand stamps and first-day covers and turn the profits to the local Chamber of Commerce. As it turned out, their estimate turned out

to be very low, and in the end, more than 450,000 stamps were sold in one day – second only to the record 585,000 first-day New York World's Fair covers.

Many of the attendees collected a Hall of Fame first day stamped postcards signed by Farley and Landis and honored players. This big outburst was the first instance of baseball autographing. Of the dozens of signed cards few survive today. A set of the immortal's signatures on one of the postcards is a valued baseball keepsake; bring over \$10,000 at auction. With this event in 1939 two of the national pastimes, baseball and stamp collecting, were joined together in a historic event.



The Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY



Hall of Fame member, Walter Johnson, at the first day ceremony

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 7

Clothesline Exhibits at the November KPS Meeting

By Tom Broadhead



No, it's not a lineup of hardened criminals at the Knoxville Police Department. It's a group of our dedicated KPS members, who exhibited at the club's first clothesline exhibit competition. From left – Bruce Roberts showed the size range of revenue stamps, Thomas Lane displayed documents and autographs related to the Ohio Sesquicentennial stamp, Jim Pettway showed early Machin issues of the United Kingdom, Russ Haese told us about the island of Zante and its World War II rare overprints, and Randy Haese (our winner) showed unusual varieties of gum on East German stamps.

APS Circuit Sales

By Jim Pettway

The last time that we viewed the APS Sales Circuit books was in June/July. Members had three opportunities to make purchases from the books. The circuit books were view by about 10-12 people at each meeting with \$125.00 in purchases.

November/December will present another opportunity to make purchases from the APS Sales Circuit books. Normally we are sent about 18 books containing stamps, and sometimes covers, from various countries of the world as well as the United States. Classic as well as modern material can be found in each. Don't be discouraged if you don't find something. Keep up the hunt.

The APS Sales Circuit books will be available for the KPS Fifth Tuesday meeting November 30, followed by the special Saturday meeting December 4 and the regular KPS meeting December 7. Mark these days on your calendar and don't miss participating.

KPS Holiday Party!

By Tom Broadhead

Don't miss the annual KPS holiday party on December 7 at the Great American Steak & Buffet, 900 Merchants Dr. in north Knoxville. Bring \$10 for your meal and a gift (not more than \$5) for the gift exchange. Enjoy a little holiday cheer and reminiscing about all of our KPS activities in 2010.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 4