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Countdown to Knoppex 2008!

With the new year comes the time to prepare for our annual stamp show, Knoppex. Work is well underway, and show chair Gerald Schroedl is coordinating the many aspects needed to make our show a success. Show related inserts in this newsletter include the auction lot form and exhibit entry form. I hope that all KPS members will think about putting some of their no longer wanted stamps or covers in the auction – being able to do so is a benefit of being a KPS member. The live auction on Saturday night, March 1, is open to the public, and it's a great opportunity to buy for your collection.

If you want to show a part of your collection, please plan to exhibit at Knoppex. Bruce Roberts has been holding regular short information sessions before KPS meetings to acquaint our members with the challenges and enjoyment of exhibiting. Ask Bruce for details.

Publicity is in progress, and the show has been listed on the APS website since the end of October and is in the December *American Philatelist*. Our listing in *Linn's Stamp News* starts the first week in January. Posters will be given out at the January and February meetings – please think of places in the community where they can be posted to attract interest.



Ralph Dinwiddie has created a great cachet, and the commemorative cancel design is on its way to Washington for approval. Let's start the countdown to liftoff for Knoppex 2008 – the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Space Program!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

What a great evening we all enjoyed at the KPS Christmas Party last month at the Mandarin House. Thanks to Thomas Lane who suggested this location to us and then made all arrangements. In addition to exchanging gifts I took some time to review the past year of the Knoxville Philatelic Society.

Coming up in January is the American Philatelic Society's AmeriStamp Expo in Charlotte, NC. Check January 11-13 on your calendar for this show. You can find out more about it at www.stamps.org.

January begins our KPS membership drive. Recently, the membership approved an increase in yearly dues from \$10 to \$15 per household. In the 27 year history of our society this is the first time that the KPS has ever had a dues increase. Please make it a priority to mail your membership form with \$15 today.

KPS members also approved "Life Member" as a new type of membership. A Life Member is a member at least 70 years of age who has been a dues paying member of the KPS for 20 consecutive years or more. Those qualifying for Life Member are not required to pay yearly dues but must complete the KPS Membership Application form and state on the form that they are at least 70 years of age and have been a KPS member since 1988.

January has five Tuesdays, and that means a KPS 5th Tuesday meeting and KPS Executive Board meeting. I'll send out an email with a listing of the books in the APS Sales Circuit as soon as I get them. Be sure I have your email address. Contact me at (jbpettway@comcast.net) so that I can notify you.

It's a big month and an exciting year ahead. Happy New Year!

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 4, 2007

The December 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was the annual holiday dinner, held this year at Mandarin House restaurant. There were 13 members present and four guests. President Jim Pettway got the program off to a good start, although technology problems kept him from showing the DVD from APS. Stay tuned for that at an upcoming KPS monthly meeting.



Jim recounted the many great successes that KPS had during 2007. Our membership grew from 48 to 61, we had a very successful spring show – Knoxpex 2007, attendance at monthly meetings increased, the APS circuit sales at 5th Tuesday meetings were increasingly popular, there were some great program presentations at meetings, two new chapters of established philatelic specialty organizations were founded through KPS members, KPS member exhibitors won awards at national-level shows, and the newsletter and monthly cachet continued to get a lot of attention and praise.

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The gift exchange was fun, as usual, with framed prints, a popular book on airmail, mini-collections of precancels, a pair of crocheted pants with an express mail stamp on the tag, and some vintage Scott catalogs among the exchanges.

Submitted by Tom Broadhead.
Photos by Jim Pettway.

Dues are Due!

Your 2008 annual KPS dues are payable now. Please bring your \$15.00 cash or check payment along with the membership information form to treasurer Pat Goebel at the January 8 KPS meeting. If you will be unable to attend the meeting, please mail your membership form, included with this newsletter, and your payment to KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422. Don't be late and miss a newsletter and cachet!

KPS Program – January 8

Tony Torres, one of our Germany experts will speak about "Censored Mail - WW II - European Theater."

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is part of a large definitive set issued from 1929-1942 by Italy during Benito Mussolini's fascist government. It is the 10 centesimi stamp (Scott 215) showing a bust of the Roman emperor Caesar Augustus. This set was reissued in 1945 after the war with a change in the design – the "fasces" (bundles of sticks with an axe head at the side – a symbol of the fascist government) seen at the bottom right and left of



the stamps were removed. These stamps also were overprinted for use by the Allied Military Government in Italy after the war.

Thanks to Nicole Sanchez for the donation of these stamps.

Happy New Year!

By Jim Pettway

The United States Lunar New Year stamp series began December 30, 1992, with the issuance of the Year of the Rooster 29 cent stamp. This stamp issue illustrated the 10th animal in the lunar cycle. The series was issued to give all mailers a chance to express New Year's greetings in the early weeks of 1993 with a postage stamp. Also, the USPS was trying to appeal to Asian-Americans by calling attention to the Year of the Rooster – 4691 on the lunar calendar – that would begin January 23, 1993.



Legend has it that the order of the 12 signs on the lunisolar calendar was determined by Buddha when he invited all the animals to a meeting, and only 12 showed up. The first animal on the scene was the loquacious rat, the second was the industrious ox, followed by the aggressive tiger and the wary hare. Next came the outspoken dragon, the philosophical snake, the active horse, the artistic goat, the spirited monkey and the ostentatious rooster. The watchful dog and meticulous boar rounded out the motley group. Buddha assigned each animal its own year, thereby presenting the nature and characteristics of each to people who are born in the animal's year.

Following the first issue in the series the USPS issued a stamp in each of the next 11 years with the last animal, the monkey, in 2004. In January 2005 a sheetlet of 24 stamps (12 on the front and 12 on the reverse) was issued consisting of one stamp for each of the 12 animals in a 37¢ denomination on either side.



And in 2007 the USPS announced that the Lunar New Year stamp series, thought to have ended in 2005, would be reintroduced in January 2008.

In observance of Feb. 7, 2008 Lunar New Year holiday, the U.S. Postal Service will introduce a new series of Lunar New Year stamps that will continue through 2019. Beginning with the Year of the Rat in 2008, stamps issued in consecutive years will include the Year of the Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Ram, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Boar.



The first day for the Year of the Rat stamp is January 9th, at the Nob Hill Masonic Center, 1111 California Street, San Francisco, with the ceremony starting at 11 a.m.

Maybe this is a good time to start a topical stamp collection.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 8

APS Winter Show

Each year, the American Philatelic Society hosts two very large and important philatelic exhibitions – Stamp Show in the later summer and AmeriStamp Expo in the winter. These are the most important annual shows in North America, and each features a “Champion of Champions” exhibit competition featuring the best grand award winning exhibits from the previous year. This year, we are fortunate that AmeriStamp Expo is only a few hours drive away in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is a three-day show: Friday, January 11 – Sunday, January 13, and feature 116 exhibits and 99 dealers. Most of the exhibits are single frame, and the variety in these is incredible. Included in those are the 21 single frame grand award winners that are competing for the Single Frame Championship. Although some KPS members are going for the full three days, Bruce Roberts is planning on driving down just for the day on Saturday. Contact him if you want a ride.

Tennessee Postal History Society meeting at Nashville Stamp Show – March 8-9

In past years, KPS had several members who were especially interested in the postal history of our state. Bob Toal and Paul Phillips were especially active in this area of philately and were involved with the Tennessee Postal History Society and its publication, “Tennessee Posts.” After a period of inactivity, the TPHS is becoming active again. Jim Cate, a member of the Chattanooga club and frequent Knospex visitor and exhibitor, is the TPHS president. The Society will hold its next meeting at the Nashville Stamp Show on Saturday, March 8.

Spotting Faked Covers – by Tom Broadhead

Here are two interesting covers – each photographically cropped to focus on the stamps at the top. Can you spot the evidence that each is not quite what it might appear to be? Clues are provided below the pictures.



In both examples, the cancels do not “tie” the stamps to the folded letter. The 1878 letter from Barbados to St. Kitts has cancelled stamps that have been glued to the cover, and gum stains indicate a missing stamp to the upper left of the left stamp. The 1871 balloon letter at right has the proper postage, but the six-pointed star cancel on the stamp does not line up with the traces of a cancel on the folded letter. A balloon letter in good condition that was mailed on January 28, 1871 – the day that Paris surrendered – would be a rare example of balloon mail.

5th Tuesday meeting – January 29 at 7:00 – trading and swapping, plus a new set of APS Circuit Sales books. KPS Board meeting at 6:00 – all members are invited.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 5

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A New Tennessee Flag Stamp

As part of the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial commemoration, the USPS issued a sheet of 50 stamps featuring state flags. Unfortunately, the Tennessee state flag was shown with the three stars that represent the state's three grand divisions arranged incorrectly!



In a recent article in Linn's (January 14, 2008), John Hotchner draws attention to this mistake and to the new set of state flag stamps that will be issued this year through 2010. Although a

resolution was passed by the Tennessee legislature and signed by the governor to issue a corrected stamp in 1976, it was ignored by the USPS.

Students of Tennessee history know that two of the stars fall within the blue circle above the third. Nonetheless, the description of the flag approved by the legislature on April 17, 1905 states that "... the highest star shall be the one nearest the upper confined corner of the flag." This leaves the position of the stars a little ambiguous, and it is not uncommon to see the state flag flown "upside down" as depicted on the 1976 stamp.



Don't go running to the post office yet to purchase the new and improved Tennessee flag stamp. It will appear in 2010 in the third sheet of state flags. **But . . . do begin making plans to attend and volunteer to help at Knoppex 2008 on March 1-2.** It will a great show with exhibits, an excellent assortment of dealers, a live auction.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Are you missing out? What a great turnout we had for the KPS January meeting. Of about 60 members there were nearly 30 who attended the KPS meeting last month. Oh, and we had two collectors join our club in January. I really like the fact that we are growing. Apparently the KPS has a package put together that welcomes newcomers and keeps members coming back. Our membership has grown from about 45 in mid 2007 to now more than 60.

Speaking of membership, as of this writing we have 35 members paid up for the year. If you are one of the 30 who haven't paid your \$15.00 dues then please get them on in. And don't forget if you have been a paying member of the KPS for at least 20 years, AND are at least 70 years of age then you are eligible for Life Membership in the KPS and do not have to pay any dues (contributions are welcome).

It's time to get serious about Knoppex 2008 - March 1-2. The show cancel is at the USPS for approval, the cachet is in production, advertising is in stamp publications and our website is filled with show information. What can you do to make this show/bourse as successful as past? Put together a half-frame to a 10-frame stamp exhibit and mail your Knoppex 2008 exhibit form to reserve space. Get some stamp lots together to enter in the Knoppex live auction. The auction is always a highlight of the show. Be aware of the dates for submitting these forms, which are available at the KPS website (address in the header of this newsletter). Knoppex will need your help Saturday and Sunday setting up and taking down tables and exhibit frames, conducting the auction, and registration. Please sign up at the February meeting or drop me an email (jbpettway@comcast.net) with your intentions.

This stamp stuff is FUN. I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 8, 2008

The January 2008 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on January 8, 2008. The meeting was held on the second Tuesday of the month, as New Years Day fell on the first Tuesday. Jim Pettway, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Thirty members were present, the largest attendance in several years. Jim introduced new members, Carly Baskette and Roy Row, and thanked the attendees for such a large participation.

The formal meeting was preceded by a general, show and tell, swap and trade session, and Bruce Roberts continued the forum on exhibiting. The program was a very interesting and informative presentation by Tony Torres on *Censoring of Foreign Mails During the Third Reich Period*. Tony provided a hand out and passed around several examples of material from his collection.

After the program, the business meeting was held. Since the December meeting was the Christmas party, no minutes were taken. Pat Goebel presented the treasurer's report which reflected the club's year end financial status, which was approved.

In old business a vote on amending the club constitution, Section III, to allow for "Life Members" was tabled until the next meeting to allow for appropriate notification to be posted in the newsletter.

In new business, Knoxpex 2008 was the main area of discussion. Committees reported on: arrangements, advertising, cancellation, cachet, and the bourse.

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Jim reminded all that the 2008 dues were now due and indicated that many had been received. He highlighted the topics for the coming month's programs and asked for program volunteers for the upcoming May, June, and July club meetings.

An announcement was made about the APS AmeriStamp Expo in Charlotte January 11-13 and members were encouraged to attend and show KPS support. We also had updates on the German Philatelic Society and the Precancel Stamp Society which are affiliated with KPS. Jim Pettway announced that three stamp collections had been donated to the club.

The Fifth Tuesday meeting and an Executive Board meeting will be held on January 29. At this meeting, APS Circuit books will be available for review and stamp purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

Constitution Changes

The following have been approved by the KPS Board and membership. They are being published here, as required by the KPS constitution.

Article III - Members, Section 3 – Memberships shall consist of two types: regular and life. The qualifications for life membership shall be 20 years (or more) of membership in KPS and the attainment of the age of 70.

Article III - Members, Section 4 – The annual dues for regular members shall be paid in January of each year, and for new regular members shall be prorated beginning July 1. Any regular member three months delinquent in payment of dues shall be dropped from membership after due notification. Life members are not required to pay annual dues. Annual dues shall be \$15.00 for each regular member/household.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is part of a definitive set issued from 1937-1942 by Great Britain. It features a cameo bust of King George VI, who had ascended the throne in 1937. The originally issued low denomination stamps of this design first appeared in dark colors and then were re-issued in lighter colors. This is the half penny, light green stamp produced in 1941. The four corners of the stamp show the heraldic flowers for (clockwise from top left) England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

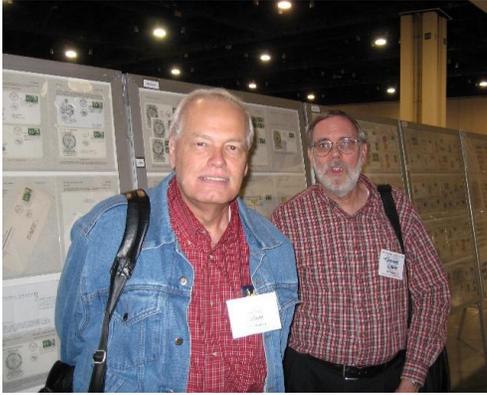


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KPS Members at AmeriStamp Expo 2008

by Tom Broadhead

More than a dozen KPS members made the trip to Charlotte, NC on a nice weekend in the middle of January to attend the American Philatelic Society's winter show, AmeriStamp Expo 2008. A highlight of this show is the focus on single frame exhibits, and there were many spectacular ones featuring world-



class rarities. The single frame Champion of Champions award went to Harvey Mirsky's exhibit, "America's First Issue: Philadelphia Usages & Markings, an exhibit showing spectacular folded letters and covers with many examples of the first United States stamps, which were issued in 1847. Another eye-catching exhibit highlighted the 24 cent two-color U.S. Airmail stamp of 1918, famous for the single sheet of 100 with the upside down Curtis Jenny airplane. And, yes, the exhibit had a very fine example of that rare stamp – plus the original letter from a stamp dealer who purchased the error sheet of stamps from the man who purchased it at the Washington, DC post office. Charlie Wade

and Thomas Lane, shown here, spent some time examining the illustrated mail exhibits. (photo by Jim Pettway)

There were also many stamp dealers at the show, and they offered everything from stamps and covers for thousands of dollars to some that were only a few cents! The dealer bourse was neatly arranged in the Charlotte Convention Center, and the dealers were joined by representatives from many organizations, including the American Philatelic Society, American Stamp Dealers Association, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the Germany Philatelic Society, and the Precancel Stamp Society. Visitors to the show were not as numerous as they had been only a few years before when AmeriStamp Expo was in Atlanta. (photo by Jim Pettway)



Our own KPS dealer member and Knoxpex bourse chair, Bill Muenzer was a dealer at AmeriStamp Expo and reported that the show had been a good one for him from the standpoint of sales. Bill's booth was not



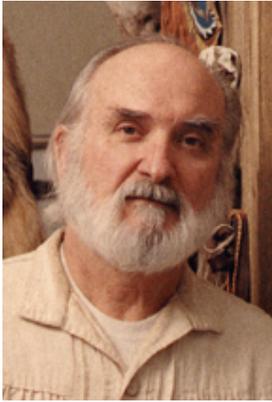
only a popular place for purchasers, but also for KPS members who enjoyed Bill's comfortable chairs and hospitality. KPS members seen at AmeriStamp Expo 2008 included Charlie Wade, Tom Ringenbach, Randy Haese, Bruce Roberts, Jim Pettway, Gerald Schroedl, Tom Broadhead, Tony Torres, Adrean Mayor, Thomas Lane, Bill Muenzer, Ralph Dinwiddie, and Gary Rehberg, (Tom, Gerald, Jim, and Bill shown at left at Bill's table – photo by Bruce Roberts).

A sidelight interesting event at the show was the "give away" of a copy of C3a, the inverted Jenny airmail, by StampWants.com – a new internet stamp resource. I had announced this in a newsletter last year, and all it took was a free registration to be eligible to win. Two finalists were flown in for the ceremony, and the Miss New Jersey beauty pageant winner drew the winning name. Thomas Lane and I speculated about how much federal tax would be owed by the winner. Overall it was a good show. I hope that members who attended will have some good "show and tell" items for an upcoming KPS meeting program!

Meet the Calles

By Tom Broadhead

At Knoppex 2006, I was intrigued by an excellent single frame exhibit shown by KPS member, Mike Kauffman that featured U.S. space stamps and cachets designed by Paul Calle and his son Chris Calle. Distinguished American graphic artists, the Calles are known as talented presenters of images of the American West and wildlife. Both are also prolific stamp designers.



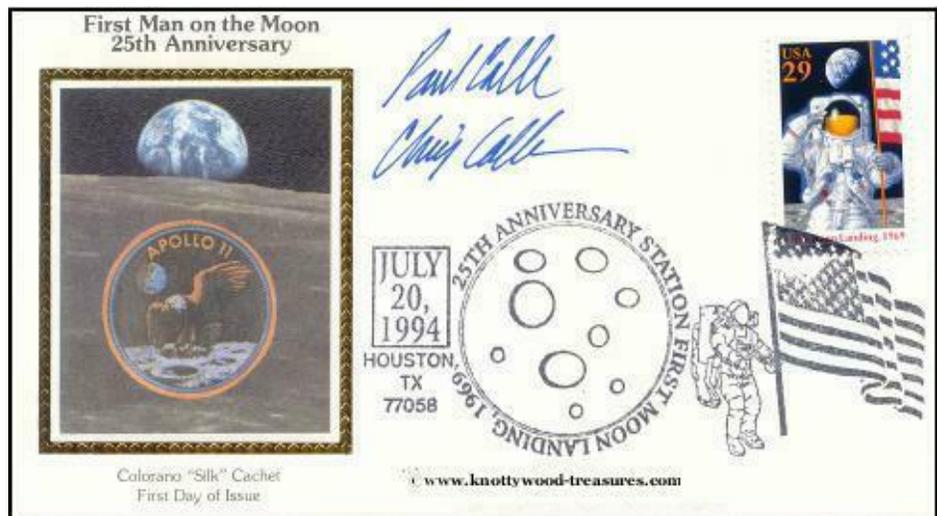
Paul Calle was born in 1928 and in 1962 was selected as an artist for NASA's Fine Art Program. Only a few years later in 1967, he designed his first space stamps, the spectacular se-tenant pair commemorating the Project Gemini space walk. Paul's son, Chris, was born in 1961



There are several web sites that feature information about this dynamic pair of artists, and some of those have examples of their art for sale. The most important site that I found, which also had the photos shown above, was www.knottywood-treasures.com. It has a wealth of biographical information, about Paul and Chris Calle and also has images of the many other U.S. stamps that they have designed. Although Knottywood Treasures has a link to a page where you can purchase first day dover cachets designed by Chris Calle and featuring his space stamps, none were available for sale when I checked.

Paul Calle has designed many outstandingly beautiful U.S. stamps, including the Douglas MacArthur and Robert Frost commemoratives and the Carousel Horses and Carousel Animals. He is especially well known for the 10c "Man on the Moon" airmail stamp of 1969, which was issued less than two months after the Apollo 11 landing and Neil Armstrong's famous walk on the moon. Chris Calle has designed more than 30 U.S. stamps and many more for the United Nations and several foreign countries. Among his U.S. designs are 16 for the Great Americans issue of 1986-1994, three of the transportation coils and many commemoratives.

In 1994, Paul and Chris Calle collaborated to design both a 29 cent regular postage stamp and a \$9.95 express mail stamp to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the moon landing. Both designs show the planting of the U.S. flag on the moon. A spectacular exhibit at AmeriStamp Expo in Charlotte last month was titled "The Eagle Has Landed" and showed some original artwork by the Calles related to the design of these stamps. The 29 cent (Scott 2841) is shown below. Check your Scott Catalog to find all of the Calle stamp designs!



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 5

Volunteers Needed at Knoppex

We need you to volunteer for Knoppex 2008. As Jim Pettway mentions in his President's Letter this month, a lot of Knoppex 2008 work has been completed or is underway. Show Chair Gerald Schroedl will be looking for KPS members to volunteer for many events and activities beginning with set-up on the afternoon and evening of February 29 and ending with take-down late in the afternoon of March 2. In addition to setting up tables and exhibit frames and arranging chairs before and after the show, there is a great need for KPS members to volunteer as greeters at the registration table on both days and to help keep records during the live auction on Saturday night.

Knoppex 2008 – Show Schedule

Saturday, March 1	10:00 am Show Opens 6:00 pm Show Closes 6:30 pm Live Auction
Sunday, March 2	10:00 am Show Opens 1:30 pm Tennessee Precancel Stamp Society Meeting 2:30 pm Tennessee Germany Philatelic Society Meeting 4:00 pm Show Closes

New Society Chapters Meet at Knoppex

KPS members and visitors to Knoppex 2008 who are interested in precancel stamps or in German philately



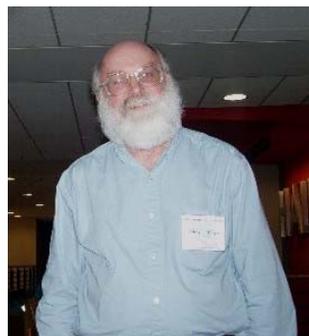
will have the opportunity to meet with local collectors with similar interests.



The Tennessee Precancel Stamp Society will meet at 1:30 on Sunday afternoon, followed by the Tennessee Germany Philatelic Society Meeting. Both groups will have meetings that will include some great show and tell programs and information about joining these newly chartered chapters of national philatelic organizations.

In the News – Adriean Mayor

It's always great to read about the great things that KPS members do outside of our club, and Adriean Mayor was featured in a December 26 article in the Knoxville News Sentinel. Other than collecting



insect topical stamps, Adriean is the curator of the new museum located in the Twin Creeks Science and Education Center of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The new museum doubles the space available for Adriean and many

visiting scientists to study specimens of plants and animals, some only recently discovered, from the biologically diverse mountains, valleys, and streams of the Smokies. Now we know what Adriean does when he's not collecting stamps – how fortunate to have a hobby that relates in part to your profession!

A Philatelic Christmas Gift

I don't know what you got as gifts over the holidays, but here is my favorite – refrigerator magnets! My wife



found these in Atlanta – a boxed set of 20 – each showing the front of a cover or a postal marking. The two shown here are my favorites. The



top one is a nice special delivery going from the U.S. to France in 1926, and the bottom one shows one of my favorite stamps – the

75c Potter of the French 1925 Decorative Arts Series.

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To Soak, or Not to Soak

Several articles and letters that have appeared in *Linn's Stamp News* since the beginning of the year have addressed the increasingly difficult issue of soaking recent U.S. stamps. In the January 7 issue, "J.A. Watercutter" reported that 10 stamps issued in 2007 could not be soaked or could soak with damage expected to the image.



These 2007 stamps in the ATM booklet pane format are reported to be additional, non-soakable recent stamps.

The reason for this problem, reported by Jay Bigalke in the February 4 *Linn's*, is the absence of a water soluble layer in the paper used increasingly by stamp printers. The water soluble layer in self-adhesive stamps is more expensive to produce, and printers are no longer required by the U.S. government to include it in their stamps.

Collecting used stamps is an important foundation of our hobby, and is the way many of us started. Although collecting stamps "on piece" or on cover are two other formats to collect, off-paper should not be eliminated. It is one of the least expensive approaches to collecting.

Please join the American Philatelic Society and collectors all over the U.S. in protesting this cost saving approach to stamp printing that is harmful to our hobby.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

This stamp stuff is fun! Our attendance at the regular, as well as the Fifth Tuesday KPS meetings has been really great. I really enjoy the time visiting with everyone and swapping stamp stories before the meeting starts. If you haven't attended a KPS meeting in a while, make it a point to join your fellow collectors in March and then make it a regular monthly date.

You'll be getting this KPS News a few days after Knoxpex 2008. Did you notice the show cancellation on this envelope? I hope that you look forward as I do, to receiving the special cachet covers that Ralph Dinwiddie "whips up" each month.

KPS News editor Tom Broadhead would like to have more stamp articles for publication. You can write an article and send it to Tom without leaving your house. Don't be selfish. Share your collecting interest with other members by way of the KPS News. Write an article about what you collect or about an interesting stamp or cover that you have.

Thanks to Knoxpex, my stamp room got cleared out. It was getting more difficult each day to get into my stamp room. I was able to auction off a lot of duplicate stamps and unwanted stamp material during the Knoxpex live auction this year. Now I have room to fill again in the coming year. This seems to be a vicious cycle, but I love it.

Knoxpex 2008 is now history. We'll review this year's show and bourse in the next KPS News. I would like to thank all who contributed their time and energy to Knoxpex this year.

See you at the March meeting and again next month in the President's Column.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – February 5, 2008

The February 2008 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on February 5, 2008. President Jim Pettway called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

There were 21 members present. Jim thanked the attendees for such a large participation and noted the large turnouts for meetings and “fifth Tuesday” meetings in 2008.

Since this was a Knoxpex work session, there was no program. A short business meeting was held. Jim noted there were approximately 15 KPS members attending the recent APS AmeriStamp Expo in Charlotte, NC, and several of those discussed their purchases and activities. Tom Broadhead led a discussion on selling items currently in the KPS library, and it was agreed that most would be offered at the Knoxpex live auction. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter. Pat Goebel presented the treasurer’s report which was approved. Jim reminded all that the 2008 dues were now due and indicated that approximately 15 current members had not renewed their membership as of yet.

A report on the status of KNOXPEX status was presented by Gerald Schroedl. Committees reported the status on:

- Publicity
- Cancellation and cachet
- Hotel arrangements
- Bourse (11 dealers)
- Security
- Auction

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- Exhibits
- Beginners area

Gerald asked for volunteers for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and a work assignment sheet was circulated.

A Knoxpex work session followed in which members prepared cachets and promotional mailings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Charlie Wade, Secretary

KPS Executive Board Meeting – January 29, 2008

President Jim Pettway called the January 29, 2008, Executive Board meeting to order at 6:15 pm. The meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville. Board members present: Directors Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, Bruce Kenney; President Jim Pettway, Vice-President Ralph Dinwiddie, Treasurer Pat Goebel, Immediate Past President Mike Kauffman. Non-voting members present were Richard Ehrlich and Tom Broadhead.

Committee Reports: Tom Broadhead updated everyone on Knoxpex 2008 publicity. He prepared press releases to be sent to 27 newspapers and will update the Knoxpex reminder post cards used last year with the 2008 show information, including a copy of the show cancellation, and have these ready for the February KPS meeting. Tom also prepared show flyers that would be available to members at the February KPS meeting. Ralph Dinwiddie will have address labels for the show announcement cards ready then.

Ralph Dinwiddie put to a vote as to whether he should mail the March KPS News prior to Knoxpex 2008 or wait and mail them at the show in order to get the show cancellation on the monthly cachet. Members voted to wait and get the show cancellation.

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Stamp of the Month

The stamp for March is a German commemorative, issued as part of a four-stamp set in 1935 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the German railway system. It is the second to lowest value (12 pfennigs) and features a “modern express train” according to the Scott catalog, which numbers this as Scott # 460.



Thanks to Nicole Sanchez for the donation of these stamps.

A Confederate Arkansas Discovery in an Unlikely Place

by Bruce Roberts

I was contacted about two months ago by a member of the Confederate Stamp Alliance (CSA) committee that issues certificates attesting to the genuine usage of Confederate covers. A cover had been submitted that was purported to be from "Nix's Ferry, Ark," written at the upper left. Since I have a large collection of images and data about Arkansas CSA I was able to help determine what was needed about the cover, shown below in color.



In fact the cover was mailed from "Hix's Ferry, Arkansas." Post Office records indicated that the Hix's Ferry post office was founded in 1845 and closed in 1866. Hix's Ferry was located in northeastern Arkansas, right on the Missouri border. I was able to explain the cover, and the routing on the face ("via Napoleon" in a downward curving handwriting at lower left) for the CSA committee. I stated that this was the only reported cover from Hix's Ferry,

which was true then...I had never seen another either from before the war or during the Confederacy period. But, like all things in Philately, you need to be surprised every now and then.

I am the editor for the Arkansas Stampless Cover section of the new CSA catalog, with a target publication date of 2010. I am now gathering market data so I can assign values to the various Arkansas CSA markings on cover. I was going through the "patriotic" section of my records, where I keep auction records of Patriotics that both originated in Arkansas or were mailed into Arkansas, and my eye was caught by the cover illustrated below (photographically cropped in the original auction catalog). This cover was sold in 1987 as part of a fabulous sale of Tennessee Postal History and was described as (Lot 395) "**Jefferson David Medallion (JD1)**, vignette and verse in blue, surround in red, "Ship Ferry, Tenn/Aug 1/5" pmk routed "via Memphis, Tenn" to Ark., reduced a bit at R, small stain, **fine**, rare, Dietz \$800, est \$600."

I think that you can see that this is the same "Hix's Ferry, Ark" manuscript postmark as on the cover above. How anyone could make "Ship" out of the first name on the



cover is hard to understand. Also, a cover mailed in Tennessee would be marked simply "via Memphis," with no need to add the state name. With this happy convergence of events I have identified an additional Arkansas patriotic cover. Such covers are very scarce and generally sell for closer to \$2500 these days than the \$600 estimate in the 1987 auction for a Patriotic used in a Tennessee town. Someone really got a bargain on this cover! For more information about all aspects of Arkansas Postal History, visit my website at www.arkph.com.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 4

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In new business, Jim Pettway made a motion that the last line of Article III – Members, Section 4 of the Knoxville Philatelic Society Constitution and Bylaws (specifically “Annual dues shall be \$15.00 for each regular member/household.”) be stricken and that a Section 5 be added as follows:

Society dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and presented to members present at a regular meeting for a majority vote of approval/disapproval.

The Executive Board approved this motion. The motion will be printed in the next KPS News edition and then a vote will be conducted during a regular KPS meeting.

Jim Pettway suggested that the KPS purchase an LCD projector, screen, and audio system to be used in conjunction with laptop computers. Jim pointed out that slide projectors are a thing of the past and stamp programs are available from the APS on DVDs. Laptop computers are readily available but a projector is not. Members would be able to put together programs at home and bring them to show at a meeting. Ralph pointed out that many times material is passed around for viewing during a program presentation, but if this material was on a DVD and projected onto a screen then all could view at the same time and the presenter would be able to point out things on the screen. After brief discussion Ralph Dinwiddie volunteered to research these items and give a report of his findings at the next Executive Board meeting.

Jim Pettway adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Prepared by:
Jim Pettway, acting Secretary

April KPS Program

Chattanooga Stamp Club member Jim Cate will give a program on “Chattanooga Straight-Line Cancels – 1863-1864” at the April KPS meeting. He will show some covers from his award winning exhibit that is a study of provisional postal cancels used by the Union army for a period of only 40 days following the Union occupation of Chattanooga.

Nashville Stamp Show – March 8-9

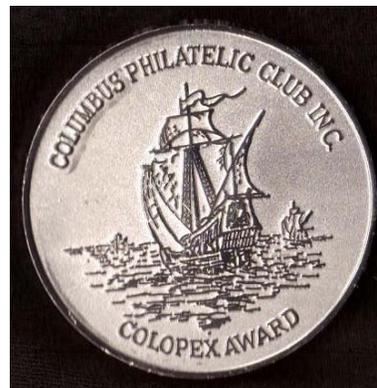
Plan to attend the Nashville Philatelic Society's annual show the weekend after Knoppex. This year, the show is at the Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 – take I-40 west, then north on Briley Parkway to the Opryland exit. The theme is the 100th anniversary of the Ford Model “T,” and a show cachet and cancel will be available.



Learn more about the NPS at <http://home.comcast.net/~nashvillephilatelic>.

“KPS News” Wins at Colopex

Your newsletter won a silver award in the literature competition at last month's Colopex, an APS World Series of Philately show conducted by the Columbus



Philatelic Club. KPS member Thomas Lane, a former member of the Columbus club, attended the show and brought the medal to the February KPS meeting.

“KPS News” was one of two society newsletters entered in the competition, which included several categories including books, articles, and catalogs. Judging literature is a challenge, and we look forward to receiving the judges' suggestions.

Are Stamp Collectors More Successful?

A recent article by Les Winick in *Linn's Stamp News* reports that a British newspaper survey found that “children who collected stamps tended to be more successful as adults.” Among other criteria for measuring success was the income level of adults who had been collectors. Good qualities attributed to stamp collectors in the article are persistence, attention to detail, and patience. *What do you think?*

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Knoxpex

Knoxpex 2008 probably was one of our most successful shows, and I look forward to the financial details. The club took in a record amount at the live auction, in large part due to many donation lots and sales of books from the KPS library. We had more than 100 attending on Saturday, excellent exhibits, many more young collectors than before, and some who came to the show because they saw our “yard signs” on streets and interstate exits near the hotel. We sold out on cachets! More about that next month.

I know that we just put the wraps on Knoxpex 2008, but guess what? It’s time to start planning Knoxpex 2009! Over the next few KPS meetings, please be prepared to share your ideas about a show theme. One idea that has already begun to circulate is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. If the USPS is planning a Lincoln tribute, then we should expect at least one commemorative stamp to be issued about two weeks before our show.

A quick glance through the Scott Catalog suggests that Lincoln ranks third, behind Washington and Franklin,



for the most images on U.S. stamps. Here are two early ones (1866, 1869), but not the earliest! I’ll write an article about the others soon.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

Were you a part of Knoxpex 2008? I had a blast and hope that you were involved in some way in the success of our show last month. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Knoxpex Chairman Gerald Schroedl and the many volunteers who helped to make this a successful event. Attendance was really good, dealers were pleased with sales, the KPS made a little money to support our club, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Read more about Knoxpex 2008 later and visit the KPS website for more pictures.

Following Knoxpex I mailed out 27 letters to attendees who had requested more information and had an interest in joining the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Isn’t this interest in our club great? Over the next few weeks I’ll be waiting in anticipation of receiving membership applications generated by this mailing.

I’m excited that we will have a guest program presenter at the April meeting. Jim Cate, from the Chattanooga Stamp Club, will show covers from his award winning exhibit during his presentation of “Chattanooga Straight-Line Cancels – 1863-1864”. Make an extra effort to attend this meeting and show our appreciation to Jim for bringing his program to our club.

Also this month will give us a Fifth Tuesday meeting. Take this opportunity to buy, sell and/or trade stamps with other members. You can also make purchases from the APS Sales circuit books. Don’t miss out.

Attendance at our meeting has been really good over the past months. Join me and fellow stamp collectors in April for the regular meeting and then again on April 29 for the Fifth Tuesday meeting.

Have fun with your stamp hobby. I am!

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 4, 2008

The March 2008 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on March 4, 2008. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Seventeen members were present.

There was no formal program since this was to be a recap of Knoxpex 2008. Each member was given a chance to present or discuss any items they purchased at Knoxpex. Many members responded to the request.

In the business meeting the minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In old business a vote to amend the club constitution received unanimous approval.

The last line of Article III – Members Section 4 of the Knoxville Philatelic Society constitution and bylaws, "Annual dues shall be \$15.00 for each regular member/household." is stricken.

To be added:

Section 5

Society dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and presented to members present at a regular meeting for a majority vote of approval/disapproval.

Following this vote a recap of Knoxpex 2008 was discussed.

- The show had a registration of 134 people including 31 club members.

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- The auction had gross sales of approximately \$1300 with about \$750 in expenses (a final accounting will be presented at a future meeting)
- Tom Ringenbach's exhibit on fancy cancels won the "People's Choice" award.
- The bourse received very favorable comments from the dealers
- Response to youth/beginners area was very positive

In new business Jim Pettway spoke to activity for Knoxpex 2009 should begin soon. Three specific areas were discussed: date, location, and theme. The standard date of the 1st weekend in March will conflict with the Nashville show in 2009. Jim Pettway will contact the Nashville club to discuss mutually agreeable dates for both shows.

It was the members' and dealers' opinions that the Budget Inn should not be considered for future Knoxpex events. Charlie Wade volunteered to explore alternative sites for future events. Jim Pettway will supply the requirements for show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Charlie Wade, Secretary

5th Tuesday Meeting – April 29

by Jim Pettway

One of the benefits of membership in the KPS is the Fifth Tuesday KPS Meeting and board meeting. The board meeting begins at 6:00 pm followed by the trade and swap at 7:00. We provide this for members to buy, sell and/or trade stamps, covers and other philatelic material. You can set up a table (furnished) in the large meeting room and sell or swap those duplicate stamps or covers. Let me know (jbpettway@comcast.net) and I'll let others in the KPS Email Group know what you'll be bringing to the meeting. And don't forget that I'll have the American Philatelic Society Sales circuit books from which you can make purchases!

Stamp of the Month

April's stamp is a recent US special stamp, one of the cartoon character themes. This one features the Warner Brothers' characters Sylvester the cat and Tweety the canary. Issued in a self-adhesive sheetlet of 10, the individual stamps are Scott 3204a.

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.



The Butterfly Definitive Stamps of Uganda and Sierra Leone

By Adriean Mayor

Some stamp collectors may feel that collecting modern stamps with topical themes lacks the complexity of classical issues, which often have numerous varieties with differences in design, watermark, and perforation. Nothing could be further from the truth, when considering the butterfly definitive stamps issued from 1987-1992 by Uganda and Sierra Leone. Most catalogs, including Scott's, have only incomplete listings for them.

These are among the most beautiful stamps ever produced, picturing native butterflies in glorious color. Sierra Leone is located on the west coast of Africa, and Uganda is in east Africa on the north shore of Lake Victoria. What seem at first to be two unrelated stamp issues have common links of design, size and subject matter. Both issues were designed by U.S. artist Steve Heimann and were printed by The House of Questa in the United Kingdom. The first designs for both countries have the country name printed in black; subsequently both Sierra Leone and Uganda issued stamps using the same designs with the country name in blue. It has been suggested, that varieties of these issues may have been instigated by the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation to take advantage of sales for the increasingly popular topical theme of butterflies on stamps.

The stamps issued by Uganda show 17 species of native butterflies with three major stamp types and are easy to find. All are perforated 14, with the country name printed in black or in blue ink. The stamps are denominated



between 5 and 5000 shillings, and were issued between November 1989 and October 1992. Some issues with the country name in blue have a very small imprint date of 1991 at the bottom center of the stamp (400 shilling at left). There are a total of 35 different butterfly stamps issued by Uganda, and the Scott catalog lists these as Uganda 703-716 and 826-839C. The issue specifications for the Uganda definitive types are:

- Type A – Uganda in black, perf. 14 without imprint date – 14 stamps
- Type B – Uganda in blue, perf. 14 without imprint date – 13 stamps
- Type C – Uganda in blue, perf. 14 with imprint date 1991 at bottom center – 8 stamps

The stamps issued by Sierra Leone also show 17 species of native butterflies with eight major types and are much

more complex. Finding all stamps of a particular type is a great challenge, the 'holy grail' of butterfly stamp collecting. Like Uganda, the issues of Sierra Leone were produced with the country name printed in black or in blue ink. However, they were issued in a variety of different perforation gages, perf. 14 (near right), perf. 12 (middle right), and 12.5 x 11.5 (with a larger perforation hole every sixth perforation both vertically and horizontally) (far right).



They were printed without imprint date (above left and middle), and with imprint dates of 1989 or 1990 (above far right and examples on the next page) at the bottom of the stamp. The stamps are denominated from 10 cents to 300 leones, and were issued between August 1987 and October 1991. There are a total of 78 different stamps! The Scott catalog lists these as Sierra Leone 859-873, 859a-873a, and as of April 2008, 1332A-1332L, and 1332Am, 1332Hn, 1332Jo, and 1332Lp. (continued on p. 4)

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As if this were not enough there are two Sierra Leone butterfly aerogrammes. If you are looking for complexity and a collecting challenge, collect the butterfly definitive issues of Uganda and Sierra Leone.

The issue specifications for the Sierra Leone definitive types are:

- Type A – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 14 without imprint date – 15 stamps
- Type B – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 12 without imprint date – 15 stamps
- Type C – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 14 with imprint date 1989 at foot – 10 stamps
- Type D – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 12.5 x 11.5 with imprint date at foot and a larger perf hole every 6th hole both vertically and horizontally – 10 stamps
- Type E – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 12 with imprint date 1989 at foot – 7 stamps
- Type F – Sierra Leone in blue, perf. 14 with imprint date 1990b at foot – 13 stamps
- Type G – Sierra Leone in blue, perf. 12.5 x 11.5 with imprint date 1990 at foot and a larger perf hole every 6th hole both vertically and horizontally – 4 stamps
- Type H – Sierra Leone in blue, perf. 12 with imprint date 1990 at foot – 4 stamps

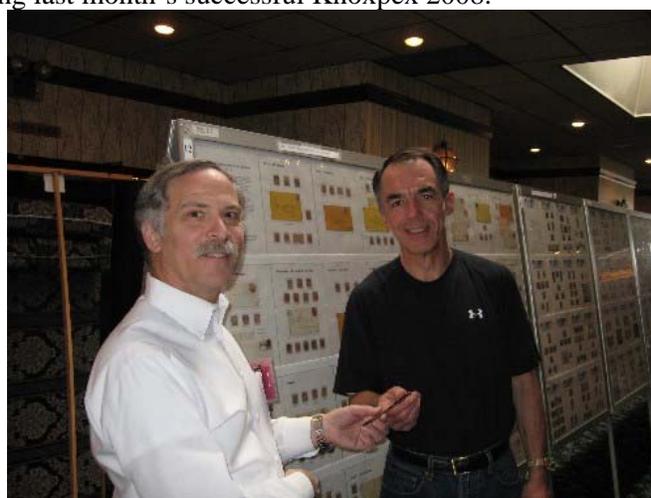
I have found all of the Uganda issues, but am still looking for many of the Sierra Leone issues, including all those of types F and G! So, let's get out there and collect butterflies on stamps. The rewards are many, and never ending. The information for this article and illustrations come from a website by Leslie Bootman that deals with the definitive butterfly issues of Uganda and Sierra Leone in detail. Visit the website at: <http://www.fortunecity.co.uk/picnicpark/eternity/147/direct.htm>.

Knoxpix Pix

Here are a few photos from Jim Pettway's camera showing last month's successful Knoxpix 2008.



The dealer bourse was busy all day Saturday.



KPS president Jim Pettway presents the award for most popular exhibit to Tom Ringenbach.

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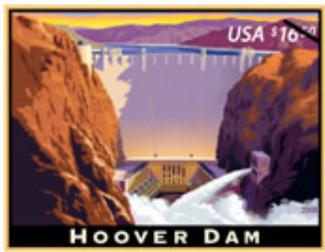
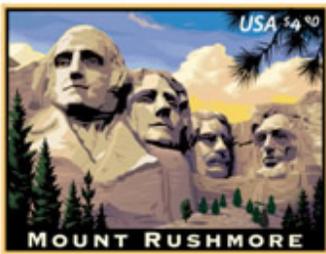
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New Rates Bring New Stamps

Don't forget May 12, the day this month when new postal rates go into effect. Letters and postcards will cost a penny more – 42 cents and 27 cents. That extra ounce on a letter will be only 17 cents. If you want to “maximize” the value on a purchase of “forever” stamps, buy them on May 11 and use them on the 12th! Along with the new rates are several new stamps. A 27 cent postal card will be issued on the day of the new rate, as will new definitive stamps in the Distinguished American series featuring James Michener (59 cents) and Edward Trudeau (76 cents). The next day, you can buy a stamp featuring “Old Blue Eyes” – Frank Sinatra.

Two spectacular new designs will be issued for priority mail and express mail. The \$4.80 (increased from \$4.60) priority mail stamp shows Mount Rushmore. The \$16.50 (up from \$16.25) express mail stamp shows Hoover Dam. Both are beautiful artists' depictions of two important artistic and engineering icons of the western U.S.

Keep your eyes out for these and other new issues. And don't forget to look for interesting covers mailed at the old postal rate. Illustrations are ©www.usps.gov.



Tom Broadhead

President's Column

In the past year many members have contacted me with ideas of things they thought our club would enjoy. One suggested that we join an APS program where our club would be matched up with a stamp club in Canada for trading stamps. Another member suggested that before each meeting we have a leader to help guide new collectors or returning collectors into stamp collecting. Many have suggested a live or silent auction as part of our meetings. How about a drawing for door prizes each month? I could go on and on but I'll stop here. All sound like really good ideas to me but where are the volunteers to run with these ideas? As an example, Bruce Roberts has conducted stamp exhibiting seminars prior to Knoxpex. It was his idea and he ran with it. Another example is the APS Sales circuit books available at our Fifth Tuesday meetings. I presented this suggestion to the KPS membership some years ago and took on the project. To sum it up, I've heard many suggestions for additional club activities and as good as they may be, who will make them more than a suggestion? Got an idea? Let's hear it at the next KPS meeting and be prepared to tell us how YOU can make it real.

May is the last meeting of the year for the Knoxville Philatelic Society's current administration. At the close of this meeting I'll step down as your President, and a newly elected President will take over. One of the most rewarding parts of my position this year has been welcoming new members. We have grown from about 45 to more than 60. As I've pointed out in past newsletters, the KPS has much to offer collectors, but it takes dedicated members to make things happen. I will continue to do all I can to promote stamp collecting and our club. The Knoxville Philatelic Society is the leading stamp collecting group in the Southeast, and through your volunteer and promotional efforts will continue to be the club that sets the bar for other stamp clubs.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 1, 2008

The April 2008 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on April 1, 2008. President Jim Pettway called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 25 members and guests present. Will Dunklin, a first-time guest, was introduced. Jim announced that we gained 2 new members in March, for a grand total of 63 current members.

Tom Broadhead introduced our guest speaker, Jim Cate from Chattanooga, who presented a very interesting program on Chattanooga Straight-Line Canceleds from the Civil War. These canceleds were only used for 40 days in Chattanooga from December 9, 1863 until January 17, 1864. He gave a brief history of the circumstances surrounding the canceleds, and of the movement of the Union army and of the Civil War at that time. He showed examples of all three types of the canceleds, and has examples of the postmarks on almost every day during that period.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and published in the newsletter. Pat Goebel gave the treasurer's report which showed a current balance of \$4295.66 in the checking account, \$2642.42 in the CD, and \$150 in petty cash. She also gave a report on the Knoxpex 2008, showing a net gain of \$1287.

There was discussion about Knoxpex 2009. The following were addressed: (1) Date - March 7-8, 2009; (2) Location - Charlie Wade is in charge, the board will consider at its regular meeting; (3) Theme: Suggestions were Lincoln's birth bicentennial, Alaska and Hawaii statehood, and the Cuban revolution of

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1959. The board will discuss and bring their suggestion to the meeting for a vote in May.

Ralph Dinwiddie reported that the ink cartridges for the newsletter can only be refilled a limited number of times, so our savings will be somewhat less than anticipated. Bruce Roberts announced that he is the Exhibit Chairman for the Southeast Federation Stamp Show to be held in Marietta GA in September 2008. He is appealing for a team of 4 from Knoxville to help assemble and/or take down the exhibits. If you can help, please contact Bruce. It was also mentioned that the APS National will be in Hartford in August. It is a 14 hour drive. If you are interested in attending, please contact Charlie Klinstiver. Jim Pettway had some good comments on the postcard show he recently attended, encouraging members to attend these for the covers, canceleds, and other related items for their collections.

The Board meeting and the Fifth Tuesday Meet and Swap (Buy, Sell, and Trade) and APS circuits will be on April 29, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Acting Secretary

May KPS Meeting Program

by Bruce Roberts

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes before a stamp or cover catalog is published? Who decides what goes in and what stays out? What about pricing? Bruce Roberts is the section editor for Arkansas (his home state and principal postal history collecting interest) in the new Confederate States Catalog and Handbook scheduled for publication in 2010. He will describe the importance of catalogs to our hobby and then talk about his experiences over the last year working on the new catalog.”



Stamp of the Month

Do you remember “sonic booms,” those loud, house-rattling noises produced by airplanes exceeding the speed of sound in the 1950's and 1960's? This month's stamp (Scott 3173) commemorates the 50th anniversary of supersonic flight. It is a 32 cent, die-cut 11.4, self adhesive issued October 14, 1997.



Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.

Abraham Lincoln – the First Stamps

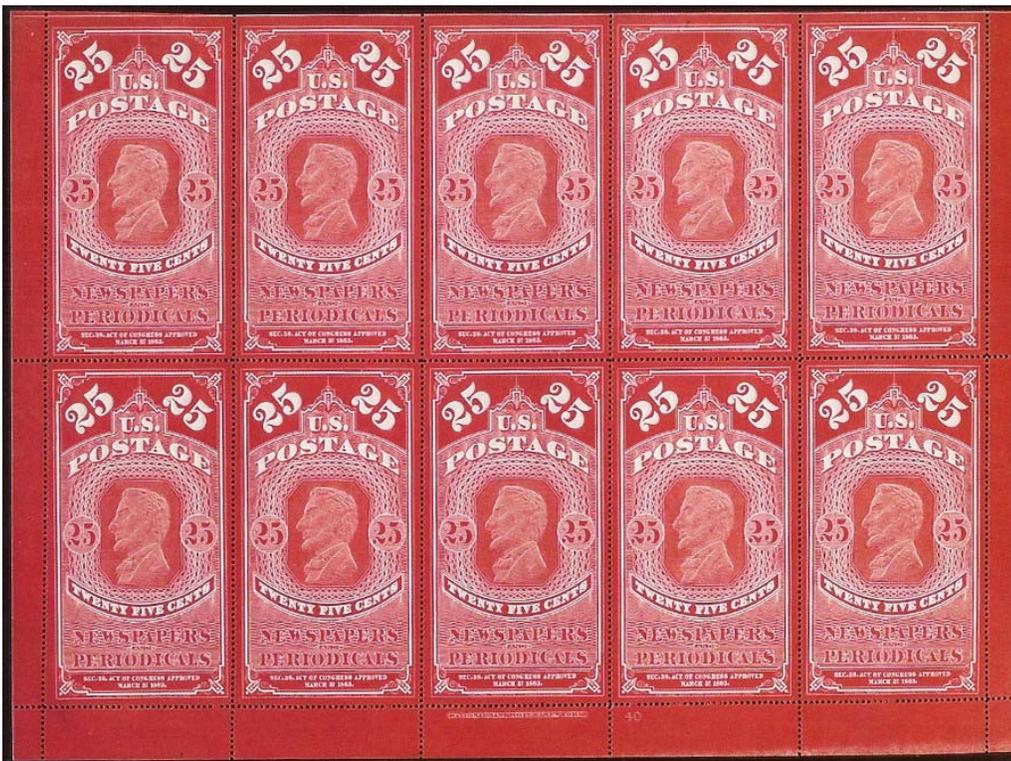
by Tom Broadhead

Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, was born on February 12, 1809 in Hardin County, Kentucky. After serving in the Illinois legislature, he was defeated in a race for U.S. senator. Elected President in 1860 and 1864, Lincoln led our nation through some of its most difficult years during the Civil War. On April 14, 1865, he was shot in the head while attending a performance at Ford's Theatre in Washington, and he died the next morning. Lincoln's image is the third most common on U.S. stamps, after Washington and Franklin, and I hope that there will be a variety of commemorative stamps issued next year to mark the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Let's look at some of the early stamps depicting Lincoln. Usually, the 1866 issue comes to mind as the first Lincoln stamp. Issued both without a grill and also with D, E, and F grills, this 15 cent stamp paid the one ounce letter rate from the U.S. to France or Germany. It has been suggested that, in fact, it is the United States' first commemorative stamp. The black color, typical of mourning, makes this a distinct possibility, although it is not documented to have been issued specifically in Lincoln's memory. I have looked at many references, but have not been able to find a photo from which the portrait design was taken. However, it was used again for the 90 cent high value of the beautiful pictorial issue in 1869. But these were not the first Lincoln stamps!



That honor goes to a stamp issued in 1865 (month and day uncertain). The high cost of the Civil War resulted in the production of revenue stamps to tax a wide range of products and services in 1862. In 1863, an act of Congress provided for a tax on packages of newspapers handled on trains or steamships, in which subsequent handling and delivery did not go through a post office. The first U.S. newspaper stamps were issued in 1865 to prepay these fees and included the first Lincoln stamp. There is an outstanding web site featuring important information and images of these stamps. Authored by "Doc M. Pepper," this site is located at http://home.comcast.net/~pepper_clan. Information and the images shown on the next page of this article come from that site.



In 1865, three newspaper stamps were issued for the purpose of paying postage on newspaper bundles. The five cent features George Washington, the ten cent shows Benjamin Franklin, and the high value twenty-five cent has a left-facing bust of Abraham Lincoln. With designs 51 mm wide (about 2 inches) and 95 mm high (about 3¾ inches), these are the largest U.S. stamps. All three values were issued in un gummed sheets of ten stamps, printed by the National Banknote Company by typography with embossed lettering. They are spectacular!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 6

(continued from page 3). The 25c Lincoln stamp exists printed in orange red (Scott PR3) and in carmine red (Scott PR7). An interesting website (www.historybuff.com/library/refcraig.html) by Craig Whitford indicates that some believe these stamps to have been issued April 1, 1865 – during Lincoln's lifetime. He also says that other sources suggest that they were issued in September of that year.

Unused copies catalog for a few hundred dollars, but have you ever seen a used copy? Genuinely used copies are very rare, and Pepper has a census and photos of genuine used copies, plus a few examples of counterfeits, on his web site. On his page discussing the census of the first issues (PR1-4), Pepper states that they "were attached directly to bundles of newspapers and normally cancelled with brush strokes using a thick black or blue ink. A previous researcher had estimated that only about 20 genuinely used copies of the three values combined existed. Pepper illustrates all 25 known examples – 5 of which are the 25c Lincoln. Here are two genuine used examples from his web site, also showing the reverse side of each stamp, and a faked example with a hand-stamped circular town cancellation.



Do you have an old wrapper from the 1860's lying around in your stamp room with one of these stamps on it, tied by a sloppy brush stroke? If you do, bring it to "Doc Pepper's" attention, you might be the owner of a great rarity and an example of the first U.S. stamp to show Abraham Lincoln.

KPS Elections

by Jim Pettway

At the April KPS meeting I was supposed to have announced a list of nominees for KPS offices in the coming year. Well, I slipped up and forgot! I guess no one remembered, as it was not brought to my attention at the April meeting. And now it's election time! During the May meeting, which is designated as the Annual Meeting in our Constitution, we are to elect officers. First we need a list of nominees. If you would like to volunteer to be President, VP, Secretary or Treasurer, or one of two Directors, let me know prior to the meeting Tuesday night. What is required of the officers? The President presides over all monthly meetings and the Executive Board meeting every fifth Tuesday. The VP presides over meetings when the President is unable. The Secretary takes minutes of all meetings and then sends them to the newsletter editor. The Treasurer handles all money for the KPS. This job requires experience in bookkeeping but certainly not a CPA. The Directors meet four times a year when we have fifth Tuesday meetings. If you have any questions about any of these positions please contact me. Now would be an opportune time to take an active position in your club.

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Do you remember the BIG rate changes?

What's a penny here and there? May 12 has come and gone, and mailing a one ounce letter costs just a penny more than it did when you received your last KPS newsletter in the mail. The one cent hike in letters and postcards amounts to a little less than a 2.5% increase. It tracks the actual rate of inflation much more accurately than, for example, gasoline or groceries!

But, do you remember some of the much steeper postal rate increases? Maybe there were a few current KPS members around when the cost of mailing a letter jumped 50%, from two cents to three cents on July 6, 1932.

I remember the next increase – 33%, three cents to four cents – 26 years later on August 1, 1958. At that time, I had been collecting for a year and a month! I'm sure I didn't take much note of the postal increase, but I'm sure my parents did.

Later increases have ranged from one cent to four cents, but the percentage changes will never (I hope) match those of the middle twentieth century.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

The last thing on my mind as I drove into the parking lot for last month's club meeting was being elected an officer. I have loved being a part of the club since I joined about four months ago. It is true that I was looking for ways to get involved and serve, but I was not ready to be nominated as president! I am not sure what happened, but with lots of encouragement, and several pledges of support here I am writing to you as the new President.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Roy Row (pronounced like how, now, cow). I moved to Tennessee from eastern Pennsylvania a few years ago to become the Senior Minister of the Christian Church in Maryville. I grew up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington D.C., while my wife's family hails from Lenoir City. We met at the University of Maryland and married thirty-six years ago. After seminary, six children, and three churches, we have landed here for what we hope is the last stop!

I began collecting stamps as a young boy through the influence of my older brother. I was intrigued by the shapes, colors, sizes, and subjects of the many stamps that filled my cigar box and small album. School, marriage, children, and career caused the hobby to be set aside for many years. Over the past several years, however, I have been able to enjoy my collection once again. I am excited about being part of a group of people who share my interest. I am also pleased by the diversity of interests within the club, and look forward to learning and growing in many areas as I get to know each of you.

A special thanks goes to Jim Pettway for a wonderful job last year. He set the bar high for us all with his energy, efficiency, and warmth. I hope that we can all continue to contribute at that same high level to make this organization all it should be.

I'll see you in June,

Roy Row



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 6, 2008

The May 2008 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on May 6, 2008. Eighteen (18) members and one guest were present. After stamp swaps and review of the APS circuit books, Jim Pettway, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

For the program, Bruce Roberts presented “All About Catalogues,” and he brought a variety of stamp catalogs for each member to use during the discussions. Bruce is the section editor for Arkansas in the new Confederate Stamp Alliance Catalog and Handbook scheduled for publication in 2010. He described the importance of catalogs to the stamp collecting hobby and his experiences of working on the new catalog.

During the business meeting, new member Carl Glasgow was introduced. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

The main topic of discussion was the selection of the site for KNOXPEX 2009. It was the members’ and dealers’ opinion that the Budget Inn should not be considered for future KNOXPEX events. After extensive search efforts by Charlie Wade, assisted by Jim Pettway and Stu Hanlein, the board selected the Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff as the location for the 2009 show. Thomas Lane will follow up with the hotel for final arrangements and the contract.

In other business, Jim said the church had an LCD projector and screen available for future meetings and programs at no cost to the club. A motion was made to

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donate \$100 to the APS from the proceeds of KNOX-PEX 2008. The board recommended the theme of next years show to be “The 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln.” This was approved unanimously by the members in attendance. Gerald Schroedl volunteered to contact Lincoln Memorial University to see if they could support the show with exhibit material.

The election of club officers for the following year was held, with the following elected by acclamation.

President	Roy Row
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Secretary	Jo Mynatt
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Director (2 year term)	Bruce Roberts
Director (2 year term)	Richard Ehrlich

Thomas Lane and Stu Hanlein will serve the remaining year of their current term as directors.

In a final action, the club unanimously approved a motion to commend Jim Pettway on his past year of service as club president.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by:

Charlie Wade, Secretary

Upcoming Events

Here is a new KPS News feature – a listing of upcoming events of philatelic interest. For additional club listings and events in the southeast, visit the calendar page of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

June 3 – KPS monthly meeting. Ralph Dinwiddie will present a program on “Patriotic Covers.”

June 7 – Tennessee Germany Philatelic Society monthly meeting at Lawson McGhee Library, 500 W. Church Ave., Knoxville 37902. Visit www.stampclubs.com/tngps for future meeting dates.

June 7-8 – **Huntsplex** – Huntsville Philatelic Club, Huntsville, AL, www.stampclubs.com/huntsville.

July 1 – KPS monthly meeting.

July 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – Executive Board at 6:00; swap, trade, and APS circuit sales at 7:00.

Stamp of the Month

This month’s stamp is the 33 cent, 2000 White House bicentennial issue (Scott 3445), a beautiful self-adhesive with a 11¼ serpentine die cut.

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.



Visiting Village Post Offices in the Caribbean

by Gerald F. Schroedl

I have traveled to many Caribbean islands where I have visited lots of post offices. On larger islands such as St. Lucia and Dominica, there is a general post office and 20 or more village post offices. Some islands such as Dominica also have intermediate level parish post offices. Generally speaking one can send a full range of correspondence from local letters to international registered mail from any post office.

General post offices (GPOs) are found in the capital city of each island. So for example the GPO on St. Lucia is in Castries (Figure 1). Most parish offices occupy single free standing buildings or are housed with other government agencies, particularly the police station. Village offices are found in a building used for postal services alone, or more often are found in someone's home (Figure 2).



Figure 1. Castries, St. Lucia, General Post Office



Figure 2. Calibishie, Dominica post office in a private home

I enjoy visiting the village post offices because the postal clerks are friendly and I can always learn much about local village and island life as well as interesting things about the postal service. Village post offices are not always easy to find, but as I was once told on St. Lucia when I suggested that a sign would help direct patrons to the post office that this was unnecessary since everyone already knew where the post office was. Because village post offices seldom carry a full range of stamp denominations, it is possible to create some very colorful postal usages. Sometimes local clerks are unfamiliar with particular rates, so they occasionally charge incorrect fees, also creating interesting usages. When visiting a post office, I try to have the clerk select and affix the stamps on my mail. I usually send local letters and cards back to my hotel, international air and registered cards and letters to myself, friends and relatives in the United States (I always make them give them back to me), and if I am traveling to another island, I also send cards and letters at regular and registered rates to myself at my future destination. In doing all this I have amassed a large number of postal items, each one of which has an interesting story behind it.

For example, shown in Figure 3 is a letter from the small village of Windward on Carriacou (part of the Grenadines) where five 15 cent stamps were used to pay the correct letter rate to the United States because no 75 cent stamps were available. The cover is canceled both 6 January and 9 January because as the clerk began to cancel the stamps on 6 January she noticed that she had inverted the six making it a nine. She fixed the canceling device thus producing two different dates.

Figure 3. Airmail letter from Windward, Carriacou, rated 75 cents with 6 and 9 January cancels.



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(continued from page 3). Figure 4 shows the Bogius, St. Lucia postmistress (on the left), who held her position for over 30 years, making her the longest serving village postmistress on St. Lucia. This post office can only be



Figure 4. Bogius, St. Lucia post office.

reached by fording a stream and walking along a path for several hundred yards. Figure 5 is the Soufriere, Dominica post office and also the home of Monica Pemberton who determined the postage for my letters (Figure 6) while her sister served me a Christmas lunch.

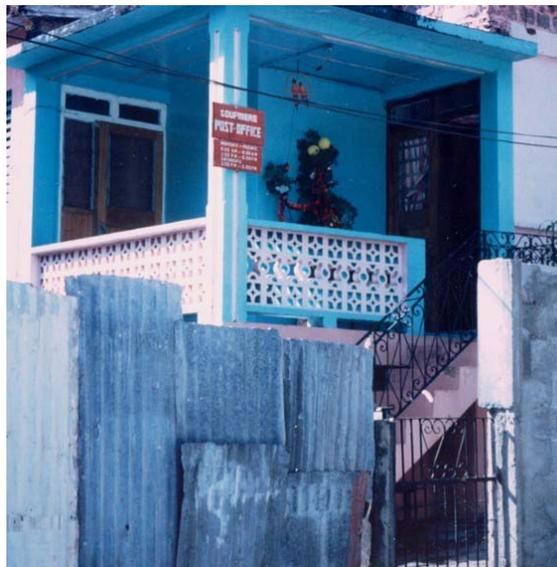


Figure 5. Soufriere, Dominica post office in a private home.

Visiting local post offices throughout the Caribbean has increased my appreciation and knowledge the islands and the organization and history of their postal systems. I have met many interesting people and I have enjoyed creating all kinds of attractive postal covers and cards. I have exhibited some of these and I have given some to others for their collections.

Figure 6. Registered letter sent from Soufriere, Dominica in December 1993 rated at \$1.95, correct rate \$1.90



You Can Help at the Southeastern Stamp Show!

by Bruce Roberts

Southeastern Stamp Show, our regional APS World Series of Philately show, sponsored by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, will take place this fall on September 26-28. Bruce Roberts is the chair of the committee that will be putting up and taking down exhibits at the show. An especially critical time is Sunday afternoon when the show closes and exhibits are dismantled and returned to their owners. If you plan to attend the show, please plan to help Bruce with this important task. Contact Bruce or Jim Pettway for details, and stay tuned for reminders in future KPS newsletters.

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Wartime Mail

Ralph Dinwiddie's excellent program on Patriotic Covers of the U.S. brings to mind the fact that mail transport during a war can pose some significant challenges. The Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum opened an exhibit in March, 2008 devoted to "V-Mail," developed in World War II in order to accommodate the huge volume of mail to and from troops and the home front. Not only is there an exhibit to view in Washington, but some highlights and important historical information are on the museum's website - <http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/VictoryMail/index.html> - and the exhibit's logo is shown above.



V-Mail forms were filled out and mailed to a military processing facility, where they were photographed and printed at reduced size, and the print mailed on to the military recipient.



A V-Mail envelope sent from Iceland to San Francisco.



On the "Using V-Mail" tab on the Postal Museum's website is a link to a blank V-Mail form that you can print and mail (with a stamp).

The stamp, "V-Mail delivers letters from home," was part of the 1943 World War II souvenir sheet.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

For most of us, summer is a time for exceptional living. We do things in the warm, slow months that we normally don't have time for otherwise. For most of us, it's the time to step away from our jobs and take a vacation. Kids are off school, and the long days change our daily routine. Outdoor duties in the yard take up more time, and often our stamp collections sit idle. It doesn't have to be that way. There are many things we can do even on our travels to keep involved in our hobby. Last month's newsletter gave me an interest in checking out some of the postal history in areas where I travel. Travel also takes us to areas where stamp dealers might be located. I lived for years in Pennsylvania far from any dealers or other known collectors. I got into the habit of checking for stamp dealers in the places I traveled. It not only provided me with several real "finds," but also was a pleasant way to make new friends and enjoy vacation time.

I travel in the summer doing mission camps with teenagers. I will be everywhere from an Indian reservation in Wyoming to the Finger Lakes of upstate New York. It means I will miss the regular meeting in July, but I look forward to our 5th Tuesday gathering on July 29th.

My main area of collecting has been U.S. stamps, and I also enjoy listening to shortwave radio broadcasts while I work on my collection. For those who are able to receive shortwave, there is an excellent program about Stamp Collecting weekly on Radio Havana Cuba. It airs at 10:00 pm on Saturdays nights on 6.000 MHz. Setting the politics aside, they often share interesting news and information about stamps around the world

There's a lot to see, do, hear, and experience in the world of Stamps.

Roy Row

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The June meeting of the KPS was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Roy Row. There were 19 members and visitors in attendance. Phyllis Conklin and new member Jonathan Trent were visiting for the first time.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. A sign-up sheet was passed around to get volunteers for programs for the remainder of the year. The treasurer's report, showing an overall balance of \$6698.48, was approved.

Jim Pettway announced that our club will be able to have free membership in the American Philatelic Society because at least one-third of our members are APS members. Also, in October, one can join the APS at a discounted rate. There was a discussion about our club's copy of the APS magazine, which is donated to the Knox County Public Library. Bruce Roberts will investigate the possibility of putting a label with information about the club on the magazine. There were other suggestions for possible PR at the library. Stu Hanlein announced that very nice, FREE downloadable album pages may be found on the new APS e-newsletter, and he passed around examples.

Ralph Dinwiddie presented a powerpoint program on Patriotic Covers, showing many from the Civil War, Spanish-American War, WWI, and WWII, and we were able to examine some actual covers. There are few covers from the Korean War, Viet Nam Conflict, and few or none from the Gulf War, Iraq, and Desert Storm. This led to a discussion of why this is the case. There was the opinion that political correctness has much to do with this seeming lack of patriotism. Ralph gave examples of many different cachet designers, including Fluegel, Crosby, Knapp, Fleetwood, Staelhe, and Art Craft. He also passed around a number of Civil War covers. All in all, it was a

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very interesting and educational program!

President Row announced that we need committee chairpersons for Knorpex 2009. Especially needed NOW is a Bourse Chairman. All members are asked to consider volunteering for this position, or other committees. There was a suggestion that we invite a postcard dealer to be part of Knorpex 2009, and Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane said they would "scope out" and recommend someone for our show. Bruce Roberts again asked for help with the exhibits at the SE Show in September - contact him for details.

Bruce Roberts mentioned that a good source of information and fantastic photos of stamps is at the Segal Auction web site - www.rsegal.com. This can be used as a valuable resource for research and study. Tom Broadhead won several awards for two exhibits at a recent show, including two gold awards, two APS awards, and other awards. His exhibits were the Franco-German Balloon Mail and French Art Deco Collections. While on the subject, Bruce Roberts announced that the popular workshops on "How to Exhibit" will begin in August, preceding the regular meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

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August 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program

September 26-28 – Southeastern Stamp Show, an APS World Series of Philately show ...

March 7-8 – Knorpex 2009 – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month

Here is the variable rate semipostal, breast cancer awareness stamp (Scott B1). First issued in 1998 (32¢ + 8¢), this has truly been the first U.S. "forever" stamp, still in use following several rate increases. It now sells for 55¢ (42¢ + 13¢). Proceeds for research have been almost \$60 million.



Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.

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TO:



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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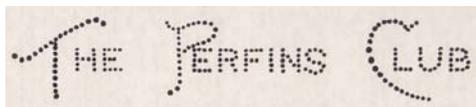
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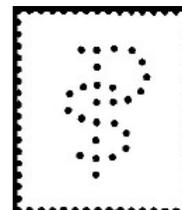
by Tom Broadhead

The philatelic term “perfin,” a contracted form of “perforated initial,” describes a stamp that has had one or more circular or other-shaped holes punched in it before it was used. For more than a century, and almost exactly a century in the U.S., many companies and government offices have made these perforations to identify perfin stamps as being officially used by them. If a person was caught using a perfin stamp for personal mail unrelated to the company or government office, it was proof of theft. It also prevented employees from making money by selling unused stamps back to the post office.

Perfins are an interesting collecting area, and it can be quite a challenge to identify a company by its initials punched into a stamp since removed from its card or cover. I found two perfin collecting organizations on the



web, and wanted to share with you an image from each of their sites. The Perfins Club, www.perfins.org, is an organization principally of U.S. collectors. Its logo is, of course, a beautiful



perfin design, shown above at left. The Perfin Society is a group of principally British collectors, who also have a very attractive perfin-themed logo (at right), showing the back side of a stamp with entwined P and S (www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc).

In addition to those organizations' sites, I also found one (www.essorment.com/all/collectingposta_pbr.htm), that gives a brief history of perfins. Their invention is attributed to an Englishman, Joseph Sloper, who received a patent on the process in 1858, and ten years later obtained a government contract giving him the monopoly on perforating stamps in Britain. Forty years later, the idea reached the U.S., and the April 1908, the POSTAL BULLETIN said in part, "United States postage stamps, to be accepted for postage, must be absolutely without defacement: Provided That for the purpose of identification only, and not for advertising, it shall be permissible to puncture or perforate letters, numerals, or other such marks or devices in United States postage and special-delivery stamps...." (reference copied from the [essorment.com](http://www.essorment.com) website). The author of that site states that there are more than 20,000 different British perfins, more than 6,000 different U.S. perfins, approximately 12,000 German perfins, and almost 3,000 French perfins. Perfins are not known from some countries, and others, such as Haiti (one perfin design) have very few.

Let's look at some examples of perfins and try to understand their meaning. The small British half penny stamp



(1870) at far left shows a BBrs perfin, representing the company of Baring Brothers. To the right of it is an Australian stamp (1913) with an OS perfin, indicating Official Service. A note in the Scott Catalog concerning Australian official stamps indicates that the OS perfin was used from 1913-1931 and was followed by an OS overprint (1931-1932). The overprints are listed, but the perfins are not listed in the regular Scott Catalog. However, a note indicates they can be found in the Scott Classic Specialized Catalog.

Another interesting perfin, but not one intended to be used is shown below at left. The Bermuda stamp of 1940 has an arched arrangement of the letters in the word SPECIMEN. This perfin indicates that the stamp was an

sample, either for practice use by postal clerks or to be sent as a reference copy to a foreign country's postal service. It would be a great collectible stamp for an exhibit or collection specializing in this stamp issue. The U.S. revenue stamp of 1952 at far right has a cancel that matches the perfin – as it should. The perfin is backwards (this is not an unusual feature), and read from right to left is GTco – matching the Guaranty Trust Co. hand stamp. Even though it has a nice, socked-on-the-nose cancel, the Scott catalog prices an example of this \$100 stamp with a perfin at only one fourth the value of an example with unpunched paper.



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(continued from page 3). The year after perfins began to be used in the US (1908), commemorative stamps were issued for the Lincoln centennial, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and the Hudson-Fulton celebration. These commemoratives probably didn't see much use on commercial mail, and the imperforate versions of these stamps are even less likely to be found as perfins. Recently on e-Bay, a very fine copy of the A-Y-P Exposition imperforate with perfin was offered for sale by a dealer who



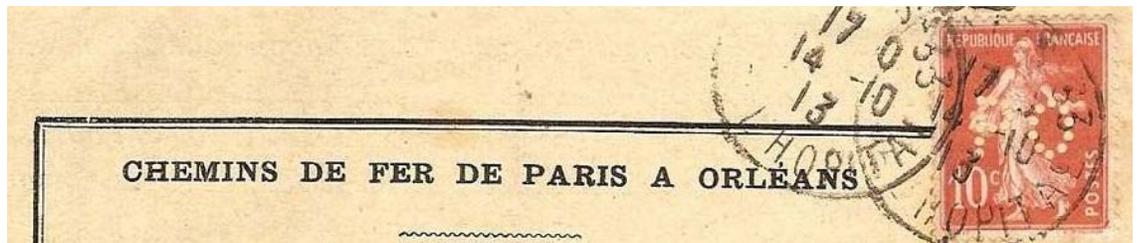
goes by the name "stampmd." I really liked his listing because he wrote about the history of the use of this stamp by a particular company. "About 1909, the Werner Publishing Company of Akron Ohio bought sheets of 371's for use on all their return mail envelopes and eventually perforates some of them to avoid pilferage. They are perfined "WER" on top and "NER" on the bottom, and usually the perfin mark runs 1 1/2 to a stamp as maybe the perfin spacing was set up for narrower stamps." With an opening minimum of \$9.99, this stamp sold on June 1 for \$27.50 with 5 bids.

One very interesting way to collect perfins is on-covers that have a matching commercial name. That is a way to be certain that the stamp was used properly – not just to mail a letter or card, but to mail one legally by the company that purchased the stamps!

The 1910 envelope at left shows the National Suit & Cloak Company emblem, and the stamp has a large NSC above a smaller CO.



This French folded invoice for the state railway (Chemins de Fer) shows a PO perfin for the Paris to Orleans line.



Perfins offer another interesting way to collect stamps and postal history. Do you have any in your collection?

KPS Family Members Serving in Iraq

Two KPS members now have family serving in the US military in Iraq.

Phil Ford's son, Bobby, recently contacted them from Germany to say that his unit the 370th Engineering Company has been alerted and he is on his way to Iraq for a 15 month combat tour in Sadr City in the middle of Baghdad. This is his second tour.

Nicole Sanchez's husband, Jorge, recently left for Iraq soon with his unit. He and Nicole had the opportunity to visit his family in Nicaragua and vacation in California before his deployment. On May 28, Nicole and Jorge were featured on "Salute the Troops" on the CNN Headline News morning show.

We all wish Bobby and Jorge a safe return to the states after their tours of duty.

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KPS Fall Auction – October 7

At the July KPS meeting, Jim Pettway and others asked if there wasn't more we could do to get more stamps into members' hands, and Jo Mynatt asked what had happened to the long-running silent auction. Jim does a lot for us by coordinating the APS Circuit Sales at each 5th Tuesday meeting and the following regular monthly meeting.

Talk started about having a live auction at an upcoming club meeting, and before we knew it, it was decided to have it at the October regular meeting. How appropriate it will be, because October is "Stamp Collecting Month."

I wanted to share this exciting information so that each of you will have time to put together one or several lots of stamps or covers to sell to the highest bidder on October 7. All proceeds will go to the lot owners.



Bruce Roberts and I look forward to helping you sell your lots. Don't tell Bruce – I just volunteered him!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Early summer is travel time for me. I am out doing camps filled with teenagers who repair homes during the day and let out their extra energy in planned programs each evening. My job is to present the programming. I love it. It is a great joy being a part of a project where thousands of teens serve others and make a difference in this world. However, I miss my family. I miss my home, garden, and keeping up with things I enjoy, like my stamp collection.

When I started doing these camps years ago, mail call was a big part of the day. Packages and letters would pour in each day for the campers and staff and were disbursed with a flair. There were no letters delivered to my camp last week, and only one small package. Instead, we downloaded hundreds of emails, printed and posted them to be read by the campers. It is amazing how quickly our world has changed. Standard forms of communication are rapidly being replaced by text messaging, email, fax, and internet. Radio, television, and phone service have all radically changed. What is in store for the future concerning the postal delivery systems around the world? (That might well be a good topic for an evening program sometime in the future.)

I personally believe that whatever changes are ahead will only enhance our collecting. We have already lived through many changes and each has added another dimension to the choices available to us as collectors. Many of us will cling to preserving the past; some will enjoy choosing to represent the present and future. All of us represent an important link to recording and understanding the world around us through stamps.

Have fun this summer. I will see you all at the 5th Tuesday meeting on July 29th.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 1, 2008

The June meeting of the KPS was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by vice president Ralph Dinwiddie. Ralph reminded us that there will be a fifth Tuesday meeting this month, on July 29. There were 19 members and visitors in attendance. New member Jonathan Trent and visitors Doug Pyle and Jonathan Slack were welcomed.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Thomas Lane gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$6634.88.

Editor Tom Broadhead announced that our club newsletter, The KPS News, recently won a Gold Award for excellence from the American Philatelic Society. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in our newsletter. Publisher Ralph Dinwiddie announced that he is preparing to publish a collection of articles from the newsletter in CD or Booklet format. These may be sold at a future date. Tom and Ralph were enthusiastically applauded for their hard work on the newsletter.

Ralph Dinwiddie announced that the club's printer/copier is not working properly and needs to be replaced. The Board will discuss this and decide on what steps to take to acquire a new printer.

It was brought to the attention of the membership that we need to get more STAMPS into the hands of members. Several suggestions were made -- from bringing stamps to trade and sell, to holding silent auctions, to holding a live auction. Tom Broadhead moved that the club hold a live auction at the October

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meeting. Richard Ehrlich seconded the motion, and it was approved by the members present. Details will be worked out later, but members were encouraged to start preparing lots to be auctioned in October.

The program presented by Mike Kauffman was "A Little of This and a Little of That." He showed several ways to start a topical collection. First he showed his Kennedy Collection - very extensive and from many countries and added the pictures that first whetted his interest. Next, he showed his Rattlesnake Island Local Post collection. RI is located in the middle of Lake Erie, and the postmaster there devised stamps that were only briefly in use to pay passage to the mainland. Third, he entertained us with his adventure of trying to begin a Forever Stamp Rate-Change collection, and the "Tale of Two Cities' Post Offices." Mike encouraged anyone to do a program for the club, to share in whatever interests they have. All in all, everyone thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. Thanks, Mike!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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July 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – Executive Board at 6:00; swap, trade, and APS circuit sales at 7:00.

August 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: Tom Broadhead will talk about "The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris."

August 16-17 – Knoxville Summer Stamp Show at the Budget Inn, 323 Cedar Bluff Rd.

September 2 – KPS monthly meeting - Program

September 26-28 – **Southeastern Stamp Show**, in Marietta, Georgia – an APS World Series of Philately show

March 6-7 – **Knoxplex 2009** – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 32 cent Iowa Statehood 150th anniversary commemorative (Scott 3088) issued in 1996. The design is from a painting "Young Corn" by the famous Iowa artist, Grant Wood. Extensive summer rains and the resulting flooding this summer have damaged many crops in Iowa.



Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.

US Patriotic Covers from World War II

by Ralph Dinwiddie

Patriotic covers are a subset of illustrated covers, defined as envelopes with a graphical or photographic design, usually located on the left side of the envelope. While illustrated covers include advertisements, special events, inaugural covers, first day covers, first flight covers, and political themes, patriotic covers are specifically related to a nation's war, and are intended to raise moral, rally support or remind citizens of the sacrifices being made by their soldiers.

There are many sub-categories of patriotic covers, including those commemorating an event or battle, honoring a hero, patriotic slogans, first-day covers of war related stamps, cartoons, hand-drawn, cancelled on ships or submarines, and anniversaries of important events of a past war. These covers will often claim a premium price if the cachet is related to an important event which occurred on the date of the cancellation. For example, a patriotic cover with a cachet showing the bombing of Pearl Harbor cancelled on December 7, 1941 is worth around \$150, while this same cachet cancelled a few days later would be worth around \$4.00. A list of nearly 150 important dates from World War II can be found on the back pages of "U.S. Scott First Day Cover Catalog & Checklist," by Michael A. Mellone, published by FDC Publishing Co., Stewardville, NJ.

In addition to important dates, collectors of Patriotic covers also seek out the work of specific cachet designers. These include W. G. Crosby, Fidelity, Fluegel, Dorothy Knapp, and Staehle. In fact, between 1939 and 1945, over 600 artists and painters published approximately 12,000 patriotic envelopes. Envelopes with patriotic cachets were a big business and printed by many different publishers. The most prolific patriotic cover publishers during World War II were George Linn and Jacques Minkus. These mass produced patriotic covers were available at local drug stores, department stores and by mail for as little as \$1 for 100 envelopes. Several examples of U.S. patriotic covers from World War II are shown below. As you can see, a couple of these covers are not politically correct by today's standards, but they are all truly patriotic!!!



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 5

Who has the most stamps?

By Tom Broadhead

Have you ever counted the number of stamps in your collection? Have you ever estimated how many stamps or covers you have? When I was a beginning collector, I would do that occasionally and even add up the "value" of my collection from the Scott catalog – the minimum catalog value was 2 cents.

Our long time and life member, Betty Anne Logan has not only pursued her interests in collecting Iceland and U.S. stamps, but she has for many years



accumulated, soaked, sorted, and sold modern U.S. stamps for a charity, Church World Services. She has sold stamps from her wonderfully organized and bulging sales books at KPS meetings and at Knoxpex shows. But, the thousands of stamps in the sales books are just the tip of a philatelic iceberg.

I had the enjoyable opportunity of recently helping Betty Anne do some organizing in her stamp room in preparation for a visit from a buyer from one of the large New York stamp companies. We carefully



displayed for him about 50 shoe boxes of carefully sorted off-paper stamps, about a dozen stock books, and some boxes of postal stationery. My guess is that she may have well over a million stamps! Unfortunately, the buyer was not interested, but we may be fortunate to see some of this great accumulation at the October auction or at Knoxpex.

Knoxville Summer Stamp Show

KPS dealer member Bill Muenzer has organized a



two-day show on August 16-17 at the Budget Inn, 323 N. Cedar Bluff Rd. Seven dealers will make up the bourse, and the show will be open 10 am – 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am – 4 pm on Sunday. It's been many months since Knoxpex 2008 – let's go to the show! For

more information, e-mail Bill at ktown@knology.net or give him a call at (865) 588-7797.

Southeastern Stamp Show 2008

In only two short months on September 26-28, the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs – of which KPS is a member – will hold its annual show. The theme is the 100th anniversary of Christmas Seals, and this will be the 9th year that Southeastern Stamp Show (formerly Peach State Stamp Show) has been an APS national show, with the grand award exhibit eligible to participate in the 2009 World Series of Philately. <http://stampclubs.com/sestampshow.htm>.

Don't forget, Bruce Roberts is coordinating the take-down of exhibits on Sunday afternoon, September 28. He needs volunteers to ride down early that day – and there will be plenty of time to shop the dealers before volunteers will begin helping exhibitors!

KPS News Wins Gold!

The 2007 KPS Newsletter earned a gold award from the American Philatelic Society's Chapter Activities Committee. The judges commented very favorably on the full color production, articles, coverage of members and their interests, and information provided. They noted that it didn't include the time of meetings – and this has been corrected beginning with this issue. A bonus point was won based on the full-color cachet used to mail the newsletter and on the *real* stamp included as stamp of the month.

5th Tuesday meeting – July 29 at 7:00 – trading and swapping, plus a new set of APS Circuit Sales books. KPS Board meeting at 6:00 – all members are invited.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 2

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Southeastern Stamp Show – Sept. 26-28

It's time to get ready for the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs annual show at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA. As a member of the Federation, KPS is fortunate to have our information on the Federation's web site, and we collectors are even more fortunate to have a large, national show, one of the American Philatelic Society's World Series of Philately shows, just a few hours away.

This year, the show's theme is the 100th anniversary of U.S. Christmas Seals. The world's first Christmas Seals originated in Denmark in 1904, and in 1907 Emily Bissel, a volunteer with the American Red Cross in Delaware, created the first charity label to raise funds to fight tuberculosis. In 1908, the American Red Cross issued the first nationwide Christmas Seal.



Southeastern Stamp Show is always exciting, with many dealers and interesting exhibits. This year, Bruce Roberts is chairing the group to mount exhibits at the beginning of the show and take them down at the end on Sunday, September 28. This important task requires several helpful and patient volunteers who can assist exhibit owners and help pack other exhibits to mail. If you can help as a member of "Team KPS" at the show, see Bruce at the September meeting or call him at 257-1670.

For more information about the show, visit the Federation web site – www.stampclubs.com.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I've been thinking about what ingredients go into making a good club or organization. One of the top things on my list is friendliness. I remember being warmly welcomed from the very first meeting I attended. People learned my name and remembered my interests in collecting. My silly questions were treated with respect and people went out of their way to help me get involved. There are many other things that go into making a good club. Organization, purpose, respect; it seems like all of these elements should fall into place if a group is to grow and represent their pastime. From what I can see, our society seems to have a hold on all of these.

After our last meeting I drove home asking myself the question, what is it that makes a really great club? I believe that it is a willingness to serve and get involved by a large majority of the members. I have been impressed from the beginning at the number of people who make themselves available to advance our interests and serve the needs of the club and one another. There are a few individuals who seem to continually pour themselves out to make sure things are done. Others are genuinely interested and jump in when they can be of service. We really do have all the elements of a great organization. I encourage everyone to find a place of interest and service and be a part of making a good club great.

One of the benefits of being a part of a group like ours is that we are challenged by one another to learn and reach out beyond our own collecting interests. By attending the regular meetings and taking part in the programs and training sessions offered, you might find a whole new dimension of the stamp world open up to you. Right now you can learn the basics of exhibiting by attending training sessions before each month's regular meeting. There are some wonderful things going on, I encourage each of you to be a part of them.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 5, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on August 5, 2008. There were 15 members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Roy Row.

Tom Broadhead presented an outstanding program entitled "The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris." His Digital Philatelic Study of the bridges of Paris over the Seine River focused on the Pont Alexandre III, and he showed items with stamps depicting many of the 37 bridges found there. Tom also showed many proofs and essays, along with letters, post cards, postal stationery, illustrated envelopes, and photographs. This Digital Program, and others included on the same disc, may be used as later programs and/or shown at Knoxpex.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6601.28, and was accepted as submitted.

President Roy Row read a card of condolences we sent to the TVUUC expressing our regret and sympathy at the recent tragic events.

Ralph Dinwiddie reported that the new printer approved by the board has been ordered, and should arrive before printing the next newsletter.

A discussion ways to publicize the club included:

1. Displays at public libraries - Roy Row has permission from Blount County Library. Ralph Dinwiddie volunteered to work on an exhibit frame we could display there, and possibly other libraries in the area.
2. Special Cancel - a copy of the USPS Cancel for Stamp Collecting month was shown.
3. An article in the Knoxville News-Sentinel - Jim Pettway has been contacted by a reporter who will be

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doing an article about the club.

4. Community Bulletin Boards and papers - We are listed in Metro Pulse.

5. Display at the Historical Society - Forrest Conklin suggested we might be able to display in the temporary exhibit area, and there was discussion about a postal history of Knoxville.

6. Web Site, business cards, and flyers were also discussed.

KPS will have a table with information about the club and membership forms at Bill Muenzer's upcoming show.

The December KPS meeting will be the annual Christmas Party to be held at the Mandarin House on December 2. Roy will make the reservations. If we cannot book the Mandarin House, the second choice will be Ramsey's Restaurant.

Jim Pettway, our APS Representative presented to Editor Tom Broadhead the 2007 Gold Chapter Award for the KPS newsletter. Congratulations, Tom!

The members present approved \$50 for a full-page ad in the Southeastern Stamp Show Program, Also approved was a sponsorship of \$20 for one of the following: 1. Hospitality; 2. Youth Table; or 3. Ribbons.

Tom Broadhead passed around copies of the auction form for the October 7 meeting, when we will hold a live auction in celebration of Stamp Collecting Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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September 2 – KPS monthly meeting and Program, Bruce Roberts – exhibiting seminar at 6:30

September 26-28 – **Southeastern Stamp Show**, an APS World Series of Philately show

September 30 – **KPS 5th Tuesday board meeting, swap, and APS circuit sales**

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March 6-7 – **Knoxpex 2009** – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month



The 2008 Summer Olympics are over, and the weather here is hot. Here is a cool stamp (Scott 2369) commemorating the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. Keep cool, collect stamps!

Thanks to Betty Ann Logan for donating these stamps.

Watch Those Paper Creases and Folds!

by Tom Broadhead

Paper is a very delicate thing, and the value of stamps has a lot to do with supply and demand, and also with condition. Torn, thinned, and heavily cancelled stamps are worth almost nothing in comparison to those in very fine condition. Creases can also greatly diminish a stamp's value, and even a crease on a single perforation might cause a significant drop in price. But wait, some paper creases create valuable stamp varieties!

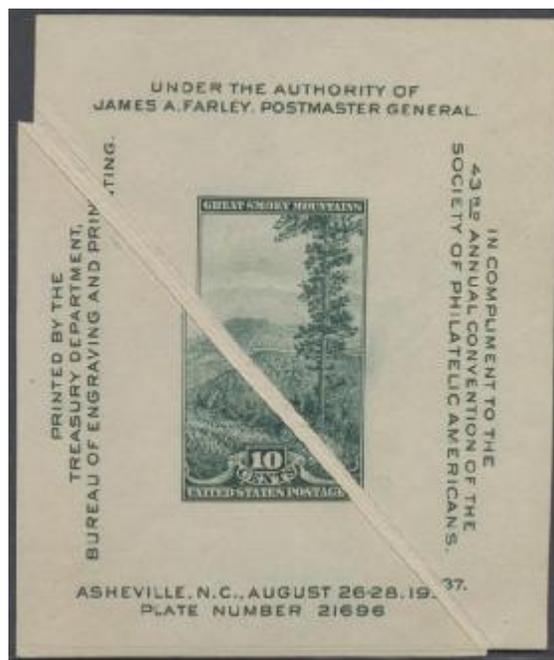


Over most of the history of stamps, the stamp-making process has required sheets of paper to be fed through at least one printing press, an adhesive-applying machine, and a perforator. The fragile nature of paper can result in creasing and folding as paper is being fed into these machines, and the results can be amazing. The two shilling stamp at right had a paper fold that, when opened, reveals an unprinted area that was protected by the fold.

It is amazing to think that these stamps actually make it to post offices and are sold to customers for their use. The “Whistler’s Mother” stamps (Scott 754) shown below are an example of a more subtle, wrinkle-like fold, which left a very thin unlinked area that diminishes toward the right. In contrast to that, the Great Smoky Mountain souvenir sheet



(Scott 797) shown at right has a paper fold that not only affected printing, but also produced an oddly shaped sheet, which was cut before the paper fold was opened.



The Iranian stamps shown at left are a spectacular case of a



crease near the margin of the sheet producing one very abnormal stamp in what otherwise would have been a normal sheet. The folds in the paper are very evident, and the later perforating machine did its job – after the paper fold had been opened.

Now look at the stamp at Overrun Countries Stamp at right (Scott 920). The fold affected the background, but was “flattened” before the flag was printed!



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Paper Creases and Folds (*continued* from p. 3)

The possibilities are almost endless, but let me share just two more examples with you, in which the paper was more than the accordion folds shown on the previous page. The two images at left show a block of eight stamps, in which the paper was folded before printing, then flattened prior to adding the gum on the back – note how the folded over part appears yellowish due to the presence of gum.



The two images at right show a block of four stamps, in which the paper was folded before printing, then flattened prior to adding the gum on the back – note how the folded over part appears yellowish due to the presence of gum.

The French stamps at right were revalued with a 1 franc red overprint, but this block had a crease and fold prior to overprinting.

Keep an eye out for folds and creases!



KPS Board Meeting - July 27, 2008

The Executive Board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met July 27, 2008 at the Karns Community Center on Oak Ridge Highway, with 16 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Roy Row at 6:10 p.m.

The first order of business was the purchase of a new printer for the club. After discussion, Jim Pettway moved, and Bruce Roberts seconded that Ralph Dinwiddie purchase a new printer. The motion was amended by Richard Ehrlich to include a dollar amount of "up to \$350." The motion passed unanimously, as amended.

Ralph Dinwiddie showed samples of possible cachets for Knoxpex 2009. A final decision will be made later in the fall. The kind of cancel and type of ink were discussed, and Tom Broadhead will contact the Post Office with a request for non-smearing ink. The discussion on what stamps to use for the cachets focused on the assumption that a Lincoln stamp will be issued in February. As soon as the 2009 new issues are announced by the USPS, a decision will be made. Much discussion was given to table sizes, arrangement of tables, security, publicity, and dealers for Knoxpex 2009. These details will be worked on by the Show Committee.

Roy Row volunteered to see if we could place a one-frame exhibit publicizing the club at the Blount County Library, and possibly other libraries on a rotating basis. Roy will also approach Bill Muenzer with a request for a club table at his upcoming show to publicize KPS, and possibly obtain new members. It was agreed that members joining at Bill's show would pay \$5.00 dues for the remainder of the year. Bruce Roberts announced that his workshops on "Exhibiting your Philatelic Collection" will begin soon, and reminded us also that he is still looking for exhibits for the Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta, September 26-28.

The December Christmas Party was mentioned, but will be brought up at the next meeting. Richard Ehrlich suggested that we send a card of sympathy to the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in light of the tragic events there on July 27. Roy Row will take care of that. We will have to find a temporary meeting place for the August KPS meeting. Members will be notified of the meeting site via e-mail, or phone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 7

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October is Stamp Collecting Month!

KPS will be celebrating Stamp Collecting Month in many ways – be sure that you are part of the celebration. First, the October meeting will be our first live auction meeting. Don't forget to bring your auction form, which was in the last newsletter, along with the stamps, covers, or supplies that you would like to sell. There will also be a few "club lots," donations whose sale will benefit KPS. Come ready to buy and sell.

Second, don't forget to let me know what your favorite stamp is for the new KPS member name tags. Last month, members got to wear the new tags that will feature an image of each member's favorite stamp. We will use these at a future meeting for a program to share our collecting interests with each other. For more information see the article on page 4.

Third, be on the lookout for your November KPS newsletter, which will be mailed to you in late October with the official APS Stamp Collecting Month cancel shown here. It will be sent to you with one of the Great Lakes dunes "Nature of America" stamps. If you want to send special letters to your philatelic friends, you can take your envelopes to the Weisgarber general



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post office philatelic window and request this cancellation on October 29, and on that date only. The cancellation is only available *on request* at that post office.

Enjoy Stamp Collecting Month and find more ways to enjoy our hobby!

President's Column

I always take my vacation in the fall. I love traveling when the crowds are down. This fall will be a special treat. We are spending a week in the northern section of the Shenandoah Valley near New Market. The valley is filled with caverns, little shops, hiking trails, and peaceful views. I have a good friend who lives there, and he has already listed several places he knows I will want to visit. One of these is an old country post office connected to a residence. My aunt was a postmaster in a little community in Maryland. They had turned the living room of their house into a general store and post office for the area. Outside was a single gas pump of the old fashioned variety. I used to love going for a visit. It was fascinating to me that you could step through a doorway from the living area into a business anytime day or night.

Those days are gone. They are simply a part of my childhood memories and our nation's history. One of the reasons I enjoy collecting stamps is that I have a love for history. Another side trip I am planning for that week is a visit to Washington, D.C. to see the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. It is located in the old City Post Office downtown and is free to the public. September's *Scott Stamp Monthly* has a great article about it, and it refers you to a web site for the museum. Check it out at www.arago.si.edu. One of its great features is the ability to download digital images of your favorite stamps into your own personal files. There are other great exhibits on display online. I've wanted to go in person, and look forward to the opportunity.

There are many good things happening in our club right now. We have added several new members, and programs at monthly meetings have been tremendous. Reservations have been made for our December Holiday Dinner. If you have not made it to a meeting lately, this would be a wonderful time to come back and enjoy an evening with like-minded friends.

Tom Broadhead

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 2, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on September 2, 2008. Preceding the formal meeting, Jim Pettway led an informative workshop on "Stamp Collecting 101". It was well-attended, and we welcomed visitor Margaret Tucker to the group. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Roy Row. There were 20 present, including visitor Barbara DeArmond (Jo Mynatt's mother).

Tom Ringenbach presented a superior program on "Fancy Cancels", with a presentation of slides and information. Fancy Cancels were very popular around the 1860's, and Tom showed many different cancels, most of which were made by carved corks and created by the postmasters of various cities. There was a whole section on the artwork of John W. Hill the famous postmaster of Waterbury, Connecticut. The program was followed by a Q & A session.

Roy Row opened the business meeting with information about upcoming meetings. A program presenter is still needed for January 2009. The August Meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$6,099.21, was approved.

Ralph Dinwiddie gave a report on the new printer and limited continued use of the old printer. He reported that we got a rebate on the new printer, reducing its cost.

Jim Pettway reported that the Knoxpex 2009 dealers' applications have been sent. After their deadline, additional invitations may be sent as needed to fill the bourse. Jim also reported that we gained three new members from the club table at Bill Muenzer's mid-

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August show. Jim announced that the APS sent a check for \$5 to the club for having a new APS member. There was a motion to return the money to the APS, but it was decided to retain it, and possibly repay it as part of our annual club donation to the APS.

Forrest Conklin reported on the progress of obtaining exhibit space at the Knoxville Historical Society, libraries, and other spaces. There was a discussion, including the Post Office Museum at the Weisgarber Postal Facility, which might be able to be included in such a display. Roy Row suggested that the board of directors pursue this further, and members interested in forming a committee may meet at 6:00 before the November KPS meeting to make a final decision.

Everyone was reminded to bring lots to sell in the auction at the October meeting. If we all bring something, it will be a very successful and exciting evening!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Loss of a Friend

Hazel Large, a long-time member of the KPS many years ago, passed away on August 30. Hazel was very active in the club, helping with the club table at shows, working in the auctions, and she loved to work with the youth. She always came with her daughter, Jamie Large (now Rose). If you wish to send condolences, check with Jo Mynatt (Mynattknx@aol.com) for address information.

Upcoming Events

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

October 7 – KPS monthly meeting. The program will be the live auction. View and purchase from APS Circuit Books. Bruce Roberts will give an exhibiting seminar at 6:30.

November 4 – KPS monthly meeting with program. Bruce's exhibiting seminar at 6:30. Don't forget  to vote before you come to the meeting!

March 6-7 – **Knoxpex 2009** – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month

The importance of organ and tissue donation was the topic of this month's stamp – Scott 3227 – issued August 5, 1998. The multicolored self adhesive (do you remember when you could soak these?) has a 11.7 serpentine die cut.

Thanks to Betty Ann Logan for donating these stamps.

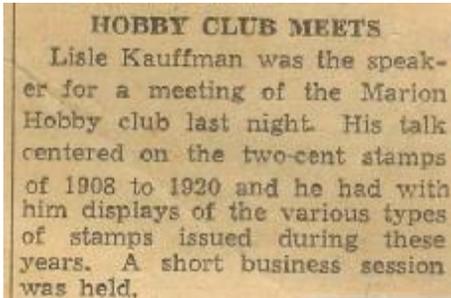


Kauffman & Sons Stamps for Collectors

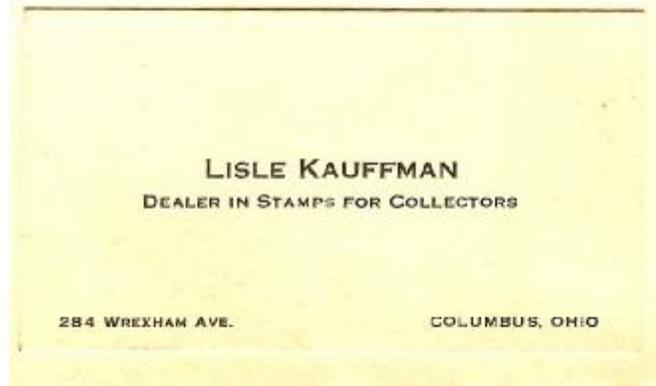
By Mike Kauffman

During hobby hours my fifth grade teacher introduced the class to stamps collecting. The thought of collecting stamps from around the world fascinated me, and I talked to Dad about it when I got home. It was decided that night my brother and I along with Dad would start collecting stamps from around the world. I tried to share as much information as I could remember from my teacher's talk, but Dad seemed to already know something about stamps. In fact the very next day he brought home three Scotts International stamp albums, tongs, hinges, and some packets of stamps. We were now collectors.

Dad was a district sales manager for the American News Co., and he helped us with our collections. He informed us that he too had collected stamps as a youngster, had

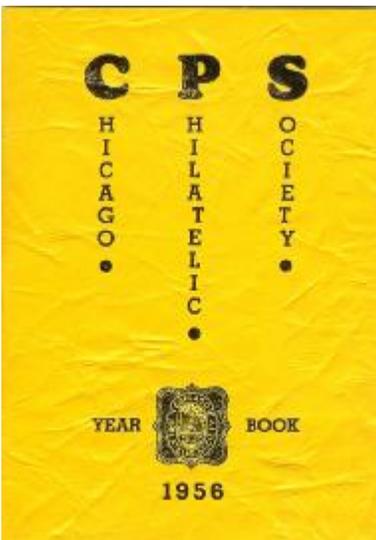


belonged to the Marion (Ohio) Hobby Club, and even became a stamp dealer at 18 years old. He had grown up with his teacher Mother, who also collected stamps.



Several of Dad's stories of his early stamp business ended with the added information he sold numerous sets of the Zeppelins, C13-15 for \$15 per set. I would hear this story every time we went to a bourse during his early years as a vest pocket dealer in the Chicago area. He had sold his first store when he got married, feeling a more dependable income was needed for a family man.

Within the first year of our collecting Dad bought a small dealers stock and came home with some stationery imprinted "Kauffman and Sons, Stamps for Collectors." He was a part time dealer from 1955 until 1962, and



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610 Lynden Lane Arlington Heights, Illinois
United States Postage and Revenues; Mint Commemorative
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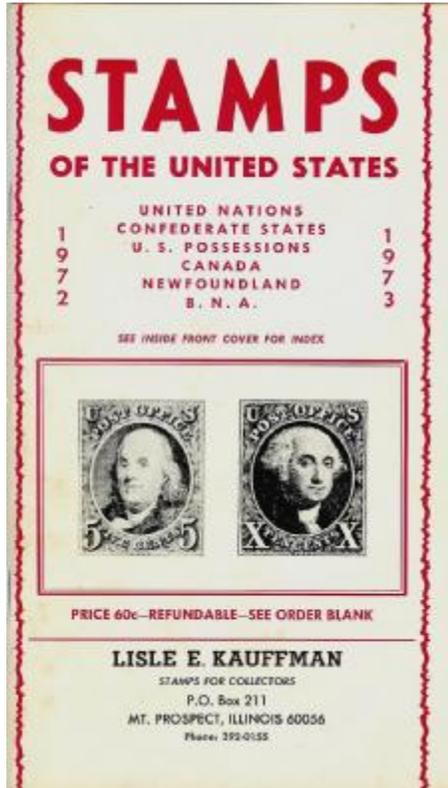
during that time he joined the Chicago Philatelic Society. Throughout my high school years I would

accompany him on his weekend bourse trips two or three times a month, mostly in the Chicago area. His highlight was a Chicago APS Show where tables sold for \$1500 each. That was a lot of money then. I was not told how he did that weekend. I do know that we were very busy at the show, and Dad was in a good mood for weeks after the show. I was always paid with stamps for my collection. After that weekend I was allowed to pick out a lot more stamps. In 1962, after my brother and I married, Dad rented a store front and went full time into the stamp business in Mt Prospect, Illinois as Lisle E. Kauffman, *Stamps for Collectors*. He called it retirement, but he was always busy. A large world-wide new issue business, an approval service, and many walk-in customers from his bourse contacts kept Dad busy and happy for many years.

Because it is not a perfect world, I will reluctantly mention only for the accuracy of this article one night professional thieves circumvented his alarm system and stole over \$100,000 of his best stock. At that time insurance was not a financial option. He and his stock never recovered. He closed his store and setup the remainder of his business at home where he worked another twenty years with a more limited clientele. He had sold his new issue business shortly after the robbery. Although he stayed continuously active with his stamps until he died, the joys he once experienced were gone forever.

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Kauffman & Sons (continued from p. 3)



Dad died in 1994. Ten years later Pat and I finally had time to start selling his remaining stock, which has proven to be quite substantial. We have done a few bourses, but mainly sell on E-bay and send the pricier items to an auction house. We joined the Knoxville Philatelic Society and presently are living happily ever after.



A 1972 Brookman catalog, offered to customers, with Lisle Kauffman's business information.

Lisle and Jeanne Kauffman at the stamp store in 1967. (Thanks go to Ralph Dinwiddie for color enhancement of the original photo.)

APS Circuit Sales

By Jim Pettway

We had a very good turn-out for the July KPS Fifth Tuesday meeting even after having to make a last minute meeting location change. Fifteen members enjoyed viewing the APS Sales circuit books and 9 people made purchases totaling \$152.00. In addition to the circuit books members purchased stamps and covers from other members. For a little more entertainment Randy Haese brought a huge box of club stamps for members to help sort. It was a fun evening for all.

The September 30 KPS Fifth Tuesday Meeting will be followed on October 7 by a second opportunity to view and purchase stamps from the APS Circuit Sales books. Great deals can be found in the APS Sales circuit books as many found at the July meeting. Believe me, many stamps can be purchased for less than \$1.00 with discounts aplenty.

KPS Nametag Project

By Tom Broadhead

If you haven't already told me what you collect or what your favorite stamp is, let me know soon. At the September meeting, all members had new nametags that either showed stamps in their collecting interest



or the general stamp collecting issue shown at right from the Ameripex '86 stamp show commemoratives.

The stamp you choose will be featured on your KPS nametag and will help members get to know you and your collecting interests. Tell me at the next meeting or e-mail me at tomwb50@aol.com with your selection. Then wear it proudly at the next KPS meeting!

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Awesome Auction

Last month's highly successful live auction was a first for the KPS. For many years, we had a silent auction at the beginning of each monthly meeting, but that tradition has waned in the last few years. The idea of having a live auction, I think it was Jim Pettway's or Thomas Lane's, was met with great enthusiasm. With two months advance notice, members had time to gather there unwanted stamps and supplies and complete the auction lot form. What could be simpler?

As the night approached, my anxiety level rose rapidly. Bruce Roberts and I can auction lots pretty quickly, but there were only two hours to (1) bring in lots and make sure they were properly tagged, (2) have a suitable time for viewing, (3) auction them, (4) record results for both buyers and sellers, and (5) settle up with the treasury before straightening up the room and departing by 9:00 pm. And, we had no idea how many lots members would bring to auction! I sent Jim Pettway several panicky "What if!" e-mails, but he was calm. We both decided to bring cameras to memorialize the scene.

Once we started the auction, Jim Pettway, Stu Hanlein, and Pat Goebel handled lots while Jo Mynatt and Charlie Wade recorded results. More than 80% sold, from classic US stamps and modern se-tenant booklets to supplies, albums, and souvenir folders. Lots sold as high as \$47.00 and as low as 30 cents. I sold three lots, bought two, and went home with \$1 in my pocket. It was a great night and a lot of nice material found new homes. Thomas Lane settled with all buyers and sellers quickly, and we were out at 9:00.

Oh, and Jim and I walked up to each other laughing – it had been such a lively and enjoyable evening we had both forgotten to take pictures.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It sounds as if I really missed a great time as I hear wonderful reports about the October meeting from many who attended. I understand that a lively, fun, and profitable time was had by all. Several people were tickled by the items they came away with, and some that said it was just a great time together as a club. Both things are important to our hobby.

As I listened to the excitement of people who attended, I found myself wondering about our members who don't attend regularly. I am sorry that they also missed out on the fun and camaraderie of the auction. We have members who live a long distance away and many who are unable to attend every meeting, but I know that being together is a big part of what we are and how we enjoy stamp collecting. For years I lived in an area without any contact with other collectors and know how disappointing that can be. Meeting together each month has helped me enjoy and improve my stamp collection.

There is another aspect of our meetings that is important. It is the support and encouragement and insight that we give to others in the club. I have learned so much this past year from the programs and conversations with other collectors in our club. I know that every member has something to share that is important to us all. The programs introduce me to information and aspects of the stamp world that I would have never researched on my own. I have been impressed by the expertise and care that have gone into each month's presentation. The programs alone are worth the drive!

We have some great programs in the next months. I look forward to seeing you there.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 7, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on October 7, 2008. The brief business meeting, Ralph Dinwiddie presiding, was followed by the live auction. The auction began at 7:15 pm. KPS treasurer Thomas Lane reports 74 lots in the auction, of which 62 sold for a total of \$477.24.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board Meeting – September 30, 2008.

The meeting of the KPS Board was called to order at 6:08 pm by vice president Ralph Dinwiddie. Richard Ehrlich read an announcement from the TVUUC that all meetings need to be concluded by 9:00 pm, and the building cleared as soon as possible, due to security measures.

Ralph led a discussion concerning the cancel and cachet for Knorpex 2009. It was determined the Zip Code for the cancel would be 37923 and that we would have only one cachet to use with the four new stamps. Jim Pettway announced that he has deposits from 7 dealers for the bourse and is expecting more to come soon. Gerald Schroedl will contact Lincoln Memorial University concerning exhibiting Lincoln memorabilia at the show. Ralph Dinwiddie is scanning all old newsletters onto a CD. These will be available to club members at a later date, price to be determined. Thomas Lane mentioned that our (monetary) CD is due to be renewed, and was advised to renew it at the best interest rate available.

There was an open discussion on the possibility of obtaining exhibit space and/or setting up a postal history display either at the East Tennessee Historical Society, the main post office on Weisgarber, or other locations. Bruce Roberts will contact the ETHC with a proposal.

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Bruce Roberts made a motion to purchase a copy of the APS exhibiting guide to be awarded for Most Popular Exhibit Award at Knorpex 2009, Ralph Dinwiddie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. There was a short discussion on when and where the awards ceremony would be held. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Minutes of both meetings respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Knorpex 2009 Bourse – by Jim Pettway

As an update to the Knorpex 2009 bourse, I'm happy to let you know that we have received eight reservations for space so far. I sent out contracts and letters to all eleven dealers who participated in Knorpex 2008 and to date only three have not replied. I have also sent invitations to two postcard dealers giving them the opportunity to participate. This will be the first time that we have invited a postcard only dealer and there will be only one space open this year to see how it goes.

I am working to have 14 dealers at this year's bourse, so this will mean the possibility of more new dealers for attendees to visit. This also means more new and different stamps, covers and postcards from which to select.

Upcoming Events

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

November 4 – KPS monthly meeting with program. Bruce's exhibiting seminar at 6:30. Don't  forget to vote before you come to the meeting!

December 2 – KPS Holiday dinner and gift exchange, 6:00 pm at Mandarin House West, 8111 Gleason Dr.

December 30 – 5th Tuesday meeting – Board meeting at 6:00, APS Circuit Sales and trade & swap at 7:00.

March 6-7 – Knorpex 2009 – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp fits the article on the next page about Abraham Lincoln. It is the "Flag over Mt. Rushmore" 29 cent definitive (Scott 2523), coil perforated 10 vertically. This example is the engraved variety, in which the 29 and USA are surrounded by a white outline. The photogravure printing lacks the light outlines. Thanks to Betty Ann Logan for donating these stamps.



Lincoln in Stone on Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

When KPS members select a theme for Knoxpex, my curiosity drives me to find out more about the subject and the stamps that commemorate it. Our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln has appeared on many U.S postage stamps, envelopes, and postal cards and also on many foreign stamps. In order to keep this article to just one page, I decided to look into sculptures of Lincoln that have appeared on U.S. issues.

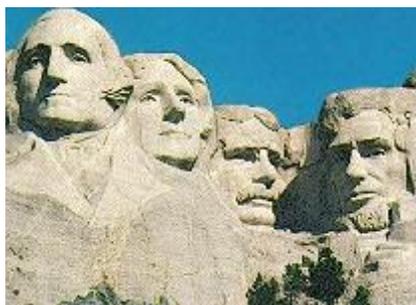
Somehow I had come to believe that the Lincoln centennial stamp of 1909 (Scott 367) showed a side view of the head of the Lincoln sculpture in the Lincoln Memorial. Wrong! The memorial was not completed until 1922, and the beautiful sculpture (below) designed and supervised by Daniel Chester French (Famous Americans Series of 1940 - Scott 887) was not begun until 1915. Nonetheless, the 1959 Lincoln sesquicentennial commemoratives included the 4 cent blue image of the memorial sculpture (Scott 1116), and Lincoln's head from the memorial is featured on the 5 cent postal card issued in 1968 (Scott UX55).



The other two Lincoln sculptures on U.S. stamps are both by Gutzon Borglum, the American born son of a Danish immigrant. The earliest of these – predating the Lincoln Memorial – is a 40 inch tall bust that is on display in the U.S. Capitol. Borglum carved the bust directly from a block of marble without prior models or casts in 1908, and designed the pedestal, which was installed in 1911. Robert T. Lincoln, the President's son said, "I think it is the most extraordinarily good portrait of my father I have ever seen, and it impressed me deeply as a work of art which speaks for itself in the most wonderful manner." ([http://www.aoc.gov/cc/art/lincoln by borglum.cfm](http://www.aoc.gov/cc/art/lincoln_by_borglum.cfm)) This sculpture was featured in the Lincoln sesquicentennial stamp series of 1959 (Scott 1114).



Borglum will always be best known for his design and work on our nation's greatest monumental sculpture, Mt. Rushmore. Work began in 1927 and continued until Borglum's death in 1941, being finished that year by his son Lincoln Borglum. It was completed at a cost of approximately \$900,000. "Each president's face is as tall as the entire Great Sphinx of Egypt, measuring 60 feet from the chin to the top of the head. The president's noses are 20 feet long, each mouth 18 feet wide and the eyes are 11 feet across." (<http://www.mountrushmoreinfo.com>)



The first stamp showing Mt. Rushmore was the 3 cent of 1952 (Scott 1011) that commemorated the 25th anniversary of its dedication. After that, it appeared in 1991 (Scott 2523) in the "Flag over Mt. Rushmore – the stamp of the month in this newsletter.



Most recently, it was featured in the Greetings from South Dakota (Scott 3601, reissued as a 37 cent stamp, Scott 3736, in 2002) and in last year's new priority mail stamp and imprinted envelope (Scott 4268 and U664).

Think Lincoln for Knoxpex 2009.

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SE Stamp Show Awards

Congratulations to KPS members Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane for awards won for their exhibits in



Bruce receives the Reserve Grand award from head judge, Anne Triggler.

September's Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta. Bruce earned a gold medal and Reserve Grand award for his 10 frame exhibit of "Arkansas Postal History Territory to 1870."

Thomas received a silver medal for his single frame exhibit of "Airpost First Day Covers: Unofficial Ship Cancels." KPS was a sponsor for this year's Southeastern Stamp Show.

East Tennessee History

KPS member Forest Conklin is a retired professor of communication studies, who since returning to East Tennessee, has pursued his interest in local history as a volunteer for the East Tennessee Historical Society (ETHS). Recently, he has developed two historical exhibits,

prepared an index of the Journal of East Tennessee History, and is working on several research articles.

He has been able to investigate further an early interest and subject of his dissertation, W.G.



Forest points out an envelope cachet with an image of "Parson" Brownlow, which he donated to the ETHS.

"Parson" Brownlow. An East Tennessean, Brownlow was a Methodist itinerant preacher turned political journalist and ultimately he became Governor of Tennessee following the Civil War. Forest has resumed stamp collecting recently, and, in addition to mint U.S., he collects worldwide stamps with images of orchids, which he also enjoys cultivating.

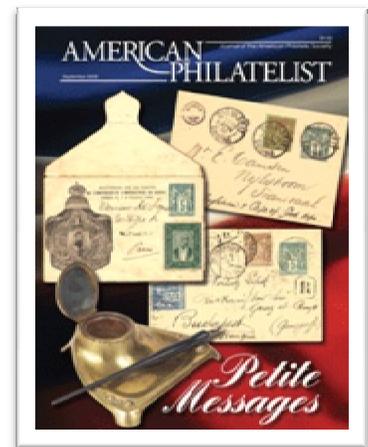
Egyptomania!!

Elaine Evans is a new KPS member who enjoys a lifelong fascination with Egypt and collects post cards and stamps of that country. As curator at the Frank H. McClung Museum on the UT campus, Elaine has curated a major permanent exhibit and several temporary exhibits in her area of research. The

latest of those, which just opened last month is "Napoleon and Egyptomania in Tennessee," shows rare documents and artifacts from Napoleon's Nile campaign of the later 1700's and the influence of the Egyptian style on art and architecture in the U.S. and in Tennessee.

American Philatelist

Tom Broadhead's article, "Petite Messages," was published in the September issue of American Philatelist and was the article featured on the cover. The article discusses special mail rates and stationery that were developed for visiting cards in 19th Century France. A special class of mail existed for these for more than 100 years in France.



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The Season of Giving

It's that time of the year when the giving of gifts to family, friends, and charities moves toward the forefront of our thinking. One hundred years ago, the first United States Christmas Seals appeared. One year before that, Emily Bissell, the cousin of a doctor at a tuberculosis sanatorium in Delaware developed a local Christmas seal, the sale of which raised \$3,000.



In 1908, the first seals authorized for nationwide distribution by the American Red Cross were issued. Two different types of this seal exist, and they were printed both in sheet format and as booklets. Here is a pane from a booklet of 9 stamps, and the booklet cover is shown below. Christmas seals have been issued every year since, and beginning in 1920 have been issued by the National Tuberculosis Association (now the American Lung Association).



More information is available about Christmas Seals, and donations may be made online at www.christmasseals.org.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

December is clearly one of the busiest months in the entire year and packs more events, social and otherwise, than any other. For members of KPS, it contains two meeting dates this year. On December 2nd, the regular monthly meeting will be our holiday dinner at the Mandarin House West, at 8111 Gleason Drive. All are invited to an evening of good food and a good time with friends and club members. After dinner, we will enjoy a gift exchange. (those who so desire are asked to bring a gift of around \$5.00 that may or may not be stamp oriented) There will be some special music and a time to share stories about club events and personal experiences over the past year. Bring a spouse, friend, or other guest. Reservations are not required, but a close count is needed for the restaurant. If you plan to attend and have not signed up, please call my home at 983-2856 and leave a message.

December 30 will be our 5th Tuesday swap and share meeting at the church. Bring something to sell, share, or trade during the meeting. We also will have other stamp offerings for your review and purchase. It should be a great way to close out the year. This is also the time of year when we renew our KPS memberships. Once again, Jim Pettway has agreed to serve as chairman of our membership drive. The renewal form should be filled out and sent to him along with your check for \$15.00. The price of membership is a bargain when you consider that it covers the monthly newsletter, all the extra goodies included, and the fees for room rental and operation of the club. Let's make Jim's job easy this year by getting our renewals in soon. I also want to thank all who have served us with time and involvement over this past year. And to each of you I wish a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 4, 2008

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on November 4, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Roy Row, President. Twenty members and visitors were present.

Bruce Roberts presented a wonderful program on 20th Century fancy cancels, showing their proper use on registered covers and examples of other uses. These cancels began about 1928, but were declared illegal in 1936.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7358.92. Richard Ehrlich announced that the rent on the meeting room had increased to \$35. Roy Row stated that he would let the church know that we won't be using the room in December.

Ralph Dinwiddie explained that the post office had delayed cancelling and mailing the November newsletter, but it can be viewed on our web site. He also distributed a list of "no-soak" stamp issues that do not come off paper without damage.

Gerald Schroedl has contacted Lincoln Memorial University about a display of some of their museum materials at Knospex 2009. He will also see if someone from LMU may be able to attend. Jim Pettway announced that at this time we have 8 dealers that have paid for Knospex 2009, with several more planning to come.

Bruce Roberts announced that the Southeast Stamp Show in Atlanta for 2009 has been cancelled, and the next show will probably be in the spring of 2010.

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Roy Row reminded all that the December meeting will be at the Mandarin House at 6 PM December 2. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift of \$5 maximum value.

Congratulations were given to Roy Row, proud new granddad, and best wishes were extended to Betty Anne Logan in advance of her hip replacement surgery on Monday November 10, at Park West Hospital. Members voted to send her flowers.

There will be a Fifth Tuesday meeting on December 30 with a new group of APS Sales Circuit books, arranged by Jim Pettway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Dues are due

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

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

March 7-8 – Knospex 2009 – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

Stamp of the Month – by Charlie Wade

On my early fall trip to Russia (Moscow & St. Petersburg - and a long train ride in between) I gave presentations using an interpreter at Russian Electronics Week to an audience where only about 20% spoke English. I was finally able to find a post office after a long search and purchased these 10 ruble self adhesive stamps (Scott 6805). They are part of a "sculptures & buildings" series issued in 2003 and show the Empress Catherine Palace outside



of St. Petersburg. It takes two of these to mail a postcard to the US.

INAUGURATION DAY COVERS

By Ralph Dinwiddie

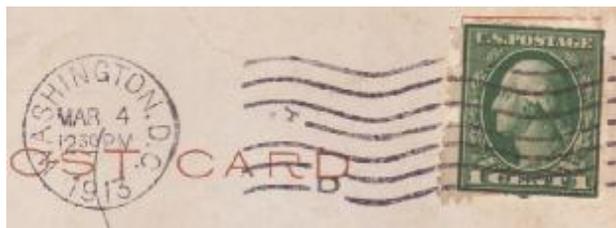


Figure 1 Uncached post card cancelled in Washington DC on Woodrow Wilson's first inauguration.

A cover cancelled on the day a president is sworn into office is known as an Inaugural cover. The first time the words "INAUGURATION DAY" were incorporated into the cancel was the 1957 inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower. The wording was changed slightly in the official 2001 cancel to "PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION." The site is usually Washington, DC, although other locations, like the President's city of birth, are now also being designated as official sites. In both 1957 and 1985 the inauguration date fell on

a Sunday. In both cases, covers from the January 20th private swearing in ceremony and the public ceremony held on January 21st are considered collectible. In 1937, the day of inauguration was changed by the Twentieth Amendment from March 4 to noon on January 20, beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term in 1937. George Washington's first inauguration was held in New York City on April 30, 1789. The next two swearing in ceremonies were held in Philadelphia, PA. The first time Washington,

DC became the site of the presidential inauguration was Thomas Jefferson's March 4, 1801 ceremony. After this date, only four presidents have been sworn-in in other cities, usually due to the untimely death of the President and the ascending to office of the Vice President. These include: Chester A. Arthur, September 20, 1881 in New York City; Theodore Roosevelt, September 14, 1901 in Buffalo, New York; Calvin Coolidge, August 3, 1923 in Plymouth, Vermont; and Lyndon B. Johnson, November 22, 1963 aboard Air Force One, at Love Field, Dallas, Texas. There are 41 known cachets for Franklin D. Roosevelt's first



Figure 2 Eisenhower's 1957 Inaugural cover was the first to include the phrase "Inauguration Day."



Figure 3 Franklin Roosevelt's first inaugural cover was among the first to be mass produced.

Inauguration in 1933. Commercial cachet makers began designing covers around the time of Dwight D. Eisenhower's second Inauguration in 1957, and by Ronald Reagan's second Inauguration, at least 228 different cachets were printed. For more information you may consult "Noble's Catalog of Cacheted Presidential Inaugural Covers – 1986" edited by Edward Krohn. Just as with First Day Covers, you can make your own Inauguration Day Cover and send it off to Washington, DC for the official cancel. Covers must be franked with the appropriate postage. Send your covers to Inaugural January 20 Cancellation, PO Box 92282, Washington, DC 20090-2282.



Figure 4 J. F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural cancel is located in a rectangular box.

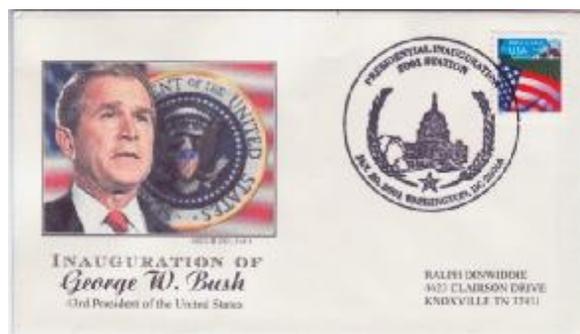


Figure 5 George W. Bush's 2002 Inauguration Day cancel uses the phrase "Presidential Inauguration"

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 2

Congratulations Harry

KPS member Harry Brooks was re-elected to represent District 19 in the Tennessee House of Representatives.



Harry's district includes parts of northeastern Knox County. He has been a member of the House Education Committee, Rules Committee, and was Assistant Minority Leader (Republican) in the last legislature. Good luck in your new term, Harry. If you are wondering what stamp is

shown on Harry's KPS nametag – of course, it's the Tennessee Bicentennial stamp showing a picture of the state capital in Nashville.

Logan Family News

At the November KPS meeting, we learned that Bettie Anne Logan would be having hip replacement surgery the following Monday. Her surgery was a success, and KPS president, Roy Row visited at the hospital that day and took her flowers on behalf of KPS. Bettie Anne is now undergoing rehabilitation therapy. Feel free to drop her a note or send a card to 5400 Dogwood Rd., Knoxville, TN 37918.

But wait, there's more! Bettie Anne's son, Randy, has been recognized as one of the nation's top shoe repair craftsmen. This fall, Randy received second place in the Shoe Service Institute of America's "2008 Silver Cup Competition." The award recognizes his expertise in shoe repairs and repeats his similar recognition in 2006. Randy Logan is the



owner of Logan Magic Shoe Care in Knoxville. In recognition of Randy Logan's talent, here is a recent customized stamp issued by zazzle.com.

Get Well Ken

KPS member Ken Korp had open heart surgery in late September and is recuperating nicely. We look forward to his return to KPS meetings.

Digital Philatelic Studies

At last year's Fall Mega Event, the show co-hosted by the APS and the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA), Tom Broadhead's digital exhibit, "The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris," won third place. Since then, Tom presented the PowerPoint of that digital study at the August KPS meeting, and his exhibit has been requested by two websites, where you can now view it. Digital Philatelic Workshop at <http://dpsworkshop.com> by Fran Adams provides examples and many "how to" resources related to digital philately. EXPONET at www.japhila.cz/hof/index02.htm (this is the English language site – the original is in Czech) by Milan Cernik is the leading international site for electronic philatelic exhibits.

2008 APS Sales Circuit Books

by Jim Pettway, APS Sales Circuit Book Chairman

In 2008 we had five months with five Tuesdays, giving KPS members the opportunity to view the APS Sales circuit books at least 5 times. From the four APS Sales circuits so far this year members have purchased \$508.78 in stamps and covers. The cost to the club was \$53.24 of which \$25.00 is the yearly cost of required insurance. On average about 10-12 members attend the Fifth Tuesday Meeting, and then many view the circuit books the next week at the regular KPS meeting. This event has been successful and a bargain for members.

If you haven't attended a Fifth Tuesday meeting, why not give it a try? Bring your want list, your tongs and some money and enjoy browsing through about 20 APS Sales circuit books. Your only cost is what you purchase from the books. I send out an email containing a list of the countries and subjects of stamps and covers prior to each meeting. And don't think that only expensive items will be in the circuit books. You will find a lot of stamps beginning at 5-10 cents each, as well as stamps and covers selling in the \$100 range. There is something for everyone.

So mark your calendar for 7:00 on December 30, the next Fifth Tuesday Meeting and plan to attend.

KPS Board Meeting – December 30

The KPS Board meeting is at 6:00 PM, and all KPS members are welcome to attend.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 6