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Get Ready for KnoxPEX 2019!

Happy New Year, all – it's time to make final plans for KnoxPEX 2019, March 2-3. Many of us are already busy – announcements are now placed in The American Philatelist and Linn's Stamp News, plus the searchable listing on the new American Philatelic Society online calendar - <https://stamps.org/Collect/Shows-Events-Calendar>.

Critical needs for volunteers are:

1. Exhibits Chair
2. Online publicity coordinator

The show theme is the 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing, and there will be space stamps galore from dealers at the show, plus the KPS cachet and cancel, designed by Ralph Dinwiddie.



Now is the time to make plans to attend, and to volunteer to help. Contact KPS president and show chair, **David Anderson** and come to the January KPS monthly meeting – remember, it's Thursday, January 3!

And, don't forget **Southeastern Stamp Expo** in Atlanta, – January 25-27. The show also has a space theme, in addition to the centennial of baseball great, Jackie Robinson's birth. www.sefsc.org

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I mentioned a couple of months ago that astronauts on several Apollo missions carried covers to the moon, and that I hoped someday to be fortunate enough to own one. Last year, I thought I had a chance. A dealer in the Netherlands was selling a major collection of space covers in a single lot for \$700, and I saw the description and photographs the first day it was listed. Amid the ca. 1500 items, arranged in nine deluxe slip-cased albums, were three lunar landing covers!

The opportunity seemed too good to be true, but I thought it was worth the risk, especially at the price, and considering all the other material present. I bought the collection immediately, and when it arrived, alas, found out that the landing covers were nicely scanned and printed copies. The other items in the collection, fortunately were genuine, including a few covers signed by astronauts, but I was still disappointed.



After some reflection, however, I realized I still had gotten a great bargain, and had learned a lesson at not too high a price! I wrote in a recent column, part as a result, about the need to look at items in person if at all possible. But I'd take the chance again, and in fact have since found several other nice lots of space covers, a rapidly growing part of my collection!

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 4, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 43 members present. President **David Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of November 2018, the club had cash assets of \$10,746. Receipts for the month were \$1,215, and expenses were \$756, for a net cash gain of \$459. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. **Thomas Lane** presented a revised 2019 budget (income: \$49,220, expense \$47,050, net income \$2,170) which was discussed and passed on a voice vote.

David Anderson noted (1) the executive board discussed the KPS membership mailing list, currently maintained by **Jim Pettway**. **Ralph Dinwiddie** has been added to distribution, motion passed. (2) Nickel stamps may be used at no charge for educational purposes. **Lori Williams** thanked KPS for use of nickel stamps and announced her monthly, second Sundays program, 1-4 PM at the Childrens Museum of Oak Ridge. **Lance Limoges** has added a large number of older covers to the KPS sales. **Wes Hayes** announced additions to the nickel stamps sales collection. **Don Ashley** has sheets of Tennessee Ernie Ford stamps available for \$21 per sheet.

Ralph Dinwiddie displayed the show cancel which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the US moon landing.

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Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	John Smartt
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David Anderson called for a volunteer to manage the exhibits at KnoxPEX 2019.

Jim Pettway announced that 38 members have already paid 2019 dues. He sent invitations to area APS members to join KPS and has information on APS and ATA membership. Jim offered a 2009 cd of the Scott catalog, which was auctioned. The holiday lunch will be held at Lakeside Tavern this coming Saturday. The buffet opens at noon, “dirty Santa” gift exchange to follow.

The program by **Bob Ceo** was a video about railway post offices.

Adjournment at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, Secretary

KPS Executive Board Meeting – December 4, 2018

The Executive Board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, 2018 December 4, for a called meeting. There were six members in attendance. President **David Anderson** presided.

There was discussion of access to the KPS membership list, currently kept by **Jim Pettway**, which **Ralph Dinwiddie** needs for mailing the newsletter. Approved motion by **Brent Marquand**, second by **Maria Javier**, that the membership spreadsheet, maintained by Pettway, be saved to a secure cloud account with access limited to Pettway, Dinwiddie, and **Bruce Roberts**. **Lori Williams's** request that nickel stamps be donated for education programs at Children's Museum of Oak Ridge was approved.

Adjournment at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Ceo, interim secretary

Upcoming Events

Keep your 2019 KPS calendar, created by **Jim Pettway**, handy for next year's meetings and events. If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

January 3 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

Remember – it's Thursday, not Tuesday!!

January 19 - KPS Saturday meeting – Peace Lutheran Church.

January 25-27 – **Southeastern Stamp Expo** – Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092

January 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is the 50c Susan B. Anthony stamp of 1955 (Scott 1051 or 1051a). It reflects the end of the 50 cent letter rate this month. These come from the KPS collection.

USPS Rate Changes This Month

By Tom Broadhead

January 27 brings a new set of USPS postal rates, some higher, and some lower. Most notably is the increase in the rate for 1 ounce domestic letters, which jumps 10% from 50 cents to 55 cents. This is the highest monetary increase for 1 ounce since that weight rate was established at 2 cents in 1885. However, it is not the highest percentage rate increase! In November 2017, the rate increased a whopping 50% from 2 cents to 3 cents to help pay for World War I, but returned to 2 cents after the war in 1919. It jumped 50% again to 3 cents in 1932 and by 33% to 4 cents in 1958. Percentage increases tended to be higher in the last half of the 20th century, because monetary values were low.

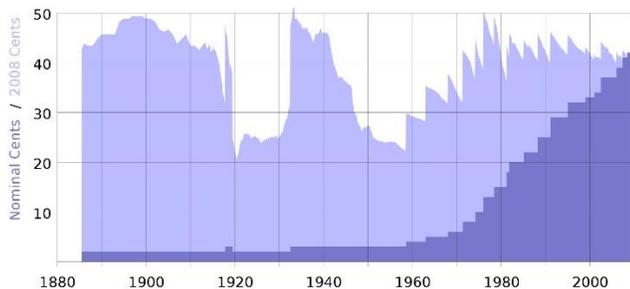


Chart of U.S. first class postage denominations (dark purple) and their equivalent in 2008 monetary values. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_United_States_postage_rates

The rate for an additional ounce declines from 21 cents to 15 cents, resulting in a 1 cent lower overall cost for a letter of 2 ounces or more. International letter (\$1.15) and domestic postcard (35 cents) rates remain the same. Priority and express rates increase to \$7.35 and \$25.50, respectively. Keep an eye out for postally used copies of these high value stamps. The priority mail stamp image also will appear on a preprinted priority mail envelope – collect entire used copies.



On November 20, the USPS announced several stamps that will be issued in 2019. The first of these is a new Love stamp (at left), which will be issued January 10. So far, there is no announcement about an issue commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first manned Moon landing – the theme for our show,

KnoxPEX 2019. Stay tuned and buy some Forever stamps before the rate increases!

Gifts to KPS Make a Difference

By Jim Pettway

There are many ways someone can get in touch with the Knoxville Philatelic Society when they need help with a stamp or cover collection. The most popular is via www.knoxstamps.com. Individuals may need help with a collection of stamps from their childhood, or maybe they have inherited grandma's collection of FDCs. And then, there are those who need help disposing of a large collection that they continue to enjoy but have decided it's time sell, donate, or pass on to another generation. In steps the KPS to assist.

During 2018 more than 66 inquiries have come through the KPS website as well as other means. Of these, 17 people have donated stamp collections or covers to KPS. Right now there are 14 inquiries open in different stages of completion.

When the KPS is contacted I find out more about the collection and make a decision as to the necessity of viewing the stamps/covers. Next is making an appointment to view the collection myself or have other KPS members see it. Upon viewing the collection we give the individual an idea of the value of his/her holdings and then make suggestions for disposing. Those include continuing the collection themselves, passing the collection to a relative or young friend, selling the collection to a dealer or through an auction, selling to the KPS Stamp Acquisition Committee, donating to a charitable/ educational organization such as the KPS which is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 organization.

In 2018 I received help with these inquiries from **Tom Ringenbach, Thomas Lane, Bob Smith, Bruce Roberts, Brent Marquand, Julius Fazekas, Bob Ceo, Steve Schmidt, and Lance Limoges**. Thank you all. Collections ranged from a very small envelope of "old" stamps to very large specialized stamp collections. I think we have seen them all, BUT who knows what's around the corner.

A Visit to a Colleague and a Gift to KPS

By Tom Broadhead

To follow Jim's article above, here is a recent example. David Schumann, a retired UT professor of business, called me about disposing of part of his personal collection – some of which had been inherited from his father. **Bob Smith** and I went to David's home, where he and his wife were getting ready for an estate sale.

This month's KPS Meeting – Thursday, January 3

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We had a great visit and learned a lot about his family history. I asked him to write a little about it, and have included excerpts below.

“My father was born in New York city in 1912. His family, as well as my mother’s, was from Belarus and both families immigrated to the United States. At Ellis Island, my grandfather was asked ‘what last name would you like,’ their name being unpronounceable by Americans at the time. They said ‘Schumann,’ like the composer Robert Schumann, given the family was very musical. My father who became a composer himself, moved from NY to Los Angeles after directing the Arm Services Radio shows during WWII. Indeed, he met my mother in Irving Berlin’s office in NYC, she being part of the office pool and my father collaborating with Berlin towards the end of the war. After the war my father went on to compose several important pieces for television, the movies, and Broadway. However, his life was cut short as a result of severe heart disease and he died in an operation in 1958 when he was 44.”

“Fortunately, my mother never sold my father’s collection and when I turned 40, she sent the collection to me. I had settled in Knoxville with my young family at the time to join the faculty of the business school at UT. I had held on to my collection but after high school was never active. When I received the collection from my Mother, I decided to return to the hobby and began to buy collections and individual stamps from auctions and dealers. Collecting brought me great joy and I attended several of the March shows in Knoxville. Over time I reorganized the collection merging his with mine. Today the collection includes 30 albums and 20 x 3-ring binders of material beyond the material I gladly donated to KPS. Beyond purchasing a couple of worldwide collections from estates, I focused on small theme lots that were of particular interest to me along with filling in gaps in my U.S. collection.”

Bob and I had a delightful visit and got to see many albums of choice material that David is keeping or, on Bob’s advice, considering selling at auction. He very generously gave us a large part of the collection that included his duplicates (above right on the table). We loaded that into Bob’s car, and I had to return the next to pick up two large bins full of stock pages and thousands of more stamps, which **Wes Hayes** now has for incorporation into the nickel books.



Bob Smith, David Schumann, and Tom Broadhead (left to right) at David’s home receiving a gift of stamps for KPS.

KPS Holiday Party

by Tom Broadhead

KPS members got together at the Lakeside Tavern in west Knox County for the annual holiday lunch.



Lori Williams was the official photographer and her great images, are now featured at www.knoxstamps.com in a music video created by **Jim Pettway**.



Visit the KPS web site by scanning the QR code at right.

Plan to Volunteer for KnoxPEX 2019 – March 2-3.

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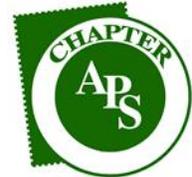
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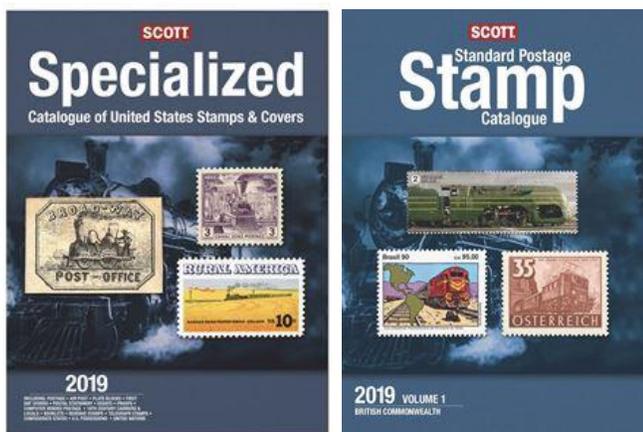


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Scott Catalogues Online

If your Scott Postage Stamp Catalogues are taking up too much shelf space in your stamp room, and you don't feel like lugging the heavy volumes around, consider making your next update the online version! Amos Media still prints the catalogs, and they are available at the Amos Advantage Store – www.amosadvantage.com. The standard volumes available in print are available at a slightly lesser cost of \$75 as “ecatalogues,” at www.scottonline.com.

However, in addition to the standard catalogs in print, Scott offers smaller specialized catalogs for as little as \$3. These include the US section of Volume IA (not the specialized), Switzerland, Scandinavia (4 parts), Germany, France, China, Canada, and more. They are all extracts from the standard volumes.



This is a great opportunity to get, for a small cost, the latest updates in countries that you collect. For those of you who are worldwide collectors, it's best to go with the entire set, online or in print. A great advantage of the online catalogues is that you can search them electronically, which can be a great time saving, especially for topical searches.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

KnoxPEX is coming and we need your help!! KPS does an amazing number of things, including having an average of two meetings a month, producing a national award-winning monthly newsletter and cachet, maintaining a huge stamp inventory, engaging in public education and outreach programs, and supporting national philatelic organizations. But this is all done on a voluntary basis by members, and we need people to step up!

In particular, we need you to come out and help with KnoxPEX March 2nd and 3rd by sitting at the registration table, running lots at the Saturday auction, helping with set up/breakdown, putting up an exhibit, or just showing up and offering moral support (and if you show the slightest inclination, we will get you working, believe me!).

We can also use help with set up Friday afternoon



March 1st if you want to get an early start. The way to volunteer is easy... just tell one of the folks on the KnoxPEX team, or any of the

officers, that you want to help. There will be a signup sheet at the February meeting, and if you miss that, volunteers are always welcome at the door! KnoxPEX is a great way to get to know other KPS members, talk, and learn a lot about stamps!

Help with KPS/Knoxpex: Be a Volunteer!!

David Anderson

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In KnoxPEX news, **Mike Downs** is the exhibits chair. **David Anderson** noted the need for volunteers for many parts of the show. **Tom Broadhead** noted that publicity has begun and that the show cancel has been submitted to USPS for approval. He asked for a volunteer to help with online publicity. **Jim Pettway** stated that show details are current on the KPS website. **Pat Goebel** circulated a request for assistance at the registration table.

Thomas Lane reported an addition of approximately \$5,000 of catalog value to the KPS inventory last month. Tom Broadhead urged attendance at the Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta, January 25-27. Jim Pettway noted that KPS membership renewals stand at 135. Wes Hayes indicated that more than 100,000 stamps have

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been added to the nickel stamp inventory and that the half price sale will continue.

The program by **John Smartt** was a dialogue with members, "Looking Forward, Looking Back," about their philatelic successes in 2018 and goals for 2019.

Adjournment at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, Secretary

KPS Premeeting Workshops

Jim Pettway led the first workshop of the year, attracting an enthusiastic crowd (below). Discussion focused on how to prepare to go to a stamp show, including preparing want lists, taking catalogs and references, and bringing important supplies, such as tongs and magnifiers. Stay tuned for the next workshop.



Upcoming Events

Keep your 2019 KPS calendar, created by **Jim Pettway**, handy for next year's meetings and events. If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

February 5 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

Executive Board meeting at 6:00.

February 16 - KPS Saturday meeting – Fox Run Clubhouse in Farragut.

March 2-3 – **KNOXPEX 2019** – Holiday Inn Knoxville West – Cedar Bluff, 9134 Executive Park Dr. Saturday, 10-5; live auction at 6; Sunday, 10-3. Don't forget to volunteer!

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is the 1c Ladybird Beetle stamp (Scott 2234) issued by Canada in 2007 as part of the "beneficial insects" definitive series. This time of year, we sometimes experience outbreaks of these insects in our homes, and they are considered by some to bring good luck! These stamps are a gift from **Lori Williams**.

Why Did I Become Involved with the American Topical Association?

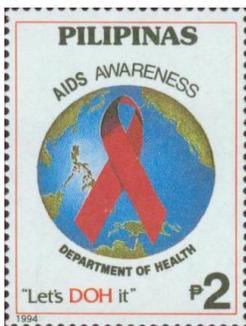
By Dale Smith, President

American Topical Association

I initially collected U.S. stamps and loved it but moved on to some of the classics. My wife accompanied me to stamp shows and entertained herself with reading. Then she discovered that there were CATS on STAMPS. CATS on post-cards, CATS on souvenir sheets. A CAT lover was lost in philately very quickly much to my relief.



As a pharmacist, I discovered the topic of pharmacy on stamps. I also treated HIV/AIDS patients and then started collecting those stamps. Then I found STAMPS on STAMPS. Immersed in topical stamps we discovered the American Topical Association (ATA) and that was a new beginning. We joined an organization that represented our interests, promoted the collection of stamps with themes and topic, and we have been involved ever since.



After many stamp shows we have made friends who collect birds, penguins, fish, flowers, Olympics, chickens, and close to 1,300 other topics on stamps. These collectors are as passionate as any other stamp collector, and topical/thematic collectors and exhibitors have fun sharing not just stamps but also information about the topics they collect.

Approximately 300 new members a year join ATA, and one reason is the checklists of stamps that we publish and sell. We offer a Checklist Service with more than 1,300 topic lists for members. When starting a new topical collection, it is important to have a list that indicates how many stamps are in their topic, what countries issued those stamps, when they were issued, and the Scott catalog number of each stamp. If a desired topic is not found, customized checklists from the Checklist dATAbase are available at a nominal cost. Checklists are emailed to members in Excel or pdf format or paper copies are mailed. ATA members purchase checklists only once; free updates of new issues are available annually to current members.

We publish handbooks on popular topics, and members receive a discount when purchasing recent handbooks.

There is also available a flash drive containing all issues of *Topical Time* (over 400 to date) and a comprehensive index is available. Copies of articles from *Topical Time*, categorized by topic, are available, as are several DVDs, on many popular collecting topics. These are suitable for beginning to intermediate collectors, stamp clubs, youth groups or community groups.

ATA has 50 major topic Study Units comprised of worldwide collectors of similar topical interests. Study Units include sports, penguins, ships, medicine, biology, to name a few, have enthusiastic members sharing information about their topic. The ATA has 42 affiliate chapters in the U.S. and worldwide. Chapters are local stamp clubs, including KPS, that have several members who are interested in topical collecting. The ATA also provides an estate and heirs assistance service to help dispose of collections.



Another ATA benefit is the Gold medal award winning publication *Topical Time*, the 92-page, bi-monthly journal of the ATA, available by mail or electronically. ATA produces a triennial Membership Directory, with checklist topics, allowing members to connect with other collectors around the world who share their collecting interests.

Every year since 1952, the ATA has held its annual meeting in a different location around the United States and Canada. That meeting is now part of National Topical Stamp Show, the largest all-topical show in the United States, sponsored by the ATA. NTSS 2019 will be joining the APS summer show in Omaha, Nebraska August 1-4th, following the successful similar joint show in Columbus in 2018. Regional and local shows that have a topical section in their exhibits can obtain a wide variety of exhibit awards to any show that has a juried exhibition.



Those are many reasons why I am so enthusiastic about the ATA and its support for topical collectors worldwide - we have close to 500 international members in over 40 countries. It is important to support those organizations that help you and your collecting interests. I will have applications with me when I attend KnoxPEX March 2-3 as a dealer this year and will be happy to answer any questions you may have at that time.

See more about ATA at www.americantopicalassn.org. Feel free to contact me at thedale.smith48@gmail.com or 816 668 4433.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 5

KPS 2018 APS Circuit Sales Books

By Bruce Roberts

We receive APS circuit sales books each month for you to shop, but we also prepare books for APS to circulate around the country. We began this in late 2015 and it has let us move out US and foreign inventory after our members have had a chance to purchase from our club stock. In 2018, **Mike Downs**, **Ray Simko**, and **Brent Marquand** helped prepare and mount stamps in our circuit books. How well did we do?

We prepared 50 circuit books in 2018. The total Scott catalog value of the stamps mounted was \$43,487 and the retail value of the stamps was \$7,863. These books will circulate for 18 months, unless the total retail in a book falls below \$10, in which case the books will be retired and returned to us early. As of December 26, we had already sold \$1,660 from the books sent in 2018.

Our history (September 2015 to December 2018) for the APS books is as follows.

- Books prepared: 215
- Total catalog value (15 books from 2015 not known) \$168,498
- Total retail sent to APS: \$32,022
- Total sold: \$14,665, about 43% of what we have sent with many books still circulating.

I am seeking volunteers to help with the APS circuit books. It takes about 4-5 hours work per book, but the benefits are obvious. Just before we went to the big auction in Columbus, Ohio in August, 2018, KPS received a check from APS for over \$1,000, money that went right back into the big auction lot we purchased. Let me know if you would like to learn how to make these books for KPS.

APS Sales Circuit Purchases in 2018

By Jim Pettway

Purchases from the APS Sales circuit books by KPS members in 2018 totaled \$747.78, an increase of about 11% over 2017. An average of 4 members purchased from each of the 13 circuits in 2018. The cost of insuring the circuit books in 2018 was \$53.00 of which \$25 was the annual cost of insurance and another \$28 of insurance was charged by the APS for the return insurance of each circuit. Postage cost to return circuits to the APS was \$101.50 but donations of stamps to the KPS covered \$87.10 of this expense. All

totalled, cost to the KPS for the APS Sales circuit books in 2018 was \$67.40.



Will you be taking advantage of the APS Sales circuit books in 2019? The circuit books are just one of many benefits of membership in the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Let me know if you have any country or topic preferences, and I can order them in coming months.

KnoxPEX Auction

KnoxPEX 2019 live auction will kick off at 6 pm on Saturday, March 2. Please come early to check in and get your bidder number. If you are selling, bring your lots and printed list on Friday afternoon to the hotel.

This year, the auction form, which you will receive by email, is an excel spreadsheet format. This is the most effective and reliable way to assemble the auction catalog. Printed catalogs of auction lots will be at the registration table, thanks again to **Gerald Schroedl**.



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It's Show Time!

Winter has been a great philatelic kick off to 2019 – not the least of which is KnoxPEX 2019, March 2-3 this month. If weather and technology cooperate, you'll have your newsletter electronically and in the mail before the show. We're hoping for an increase in crowds this year, and the Saturday night live auction promises to have a record number of lots. **Jim Pettway** and I will be auctioneers.

January started off with Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta, and many KPS members took a day or two to attend our nearest APS regional show. Attention shifted farther to the south with this year's Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, February 1-3 in Sarasota, Florida. It was attended by KPS members **Mike Downs**, **Paul Lewis**, and **Bruce Roberts** – pictures and details are on page 3.

The American Philatelic Society held its last, stand-alone winter show in Mesa, Arizona on February 15-17. I exhibited in the first of these single-frame focused shows many years ago in Indianapolis and did again this year. Future APS winter shows will be tied to regional APS shows, and I hope Atlanta will be on that list soon. More about this one is also on page 3.



But for now, get your want list ready and put on your volunteer hat – Come to KnoxPEX 2019!!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

How do I get a KPS Nametag?

I have been making nametags for KPS members for three years now, but many of you still don't have one. If you want a nametag, send me an email at dander19@utk.edu with your name as you would like it to appear on the tag, and an image or Scott catalog number for the stamp that you would like to have displayed. You can even pick two stamps if you'd like. If you email me, I will email you back a draft copy of the nametag, so you can let me know if I got it right, or if there are typos or the wrong stamp!

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David Anderson

Include your mailing address in your email, and I will mail you the tag. Otherwise it will be in a cigar box full of tags at a future KPS meeting. I have quite a number of tags that no one has picked up, which is why I am offering to mail the tag directly. I also have a ton of stamps I need to use as postage! I print name tags in batches of three and will do a batch every time I have three requests. I do this voluntarily and appreciate your patience... but being a squeaky wheel (i.e., sending reminders) will ensure you get a tag!!

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of January, the club had cash assets of \$14,094. Receipts for the month were \$4,994, and expenses were \$502, for a net cash inflow of \$4,492. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In KnoxPEX news, **David Anderson** announced that preparations are going well, and we will be at the Holiday Inn through next year. **Thomas Lane** stated that set up time may be earlier in the afternoon this year, and Mike Downs reported that there are still four exhibit frames available. **Jim Pettway** noted that there will be a post exhibit drawing for a used Penny Black among KPS members attending.

Jim Pettway announced that KPS membership is down slightly from 12/31/18. He mails KPS information to new APS members in the area. **David Anderson** noted that APS has discontinued the chapter newsletter competition; he will write a letter on behalf of KPS expressing concern. **Jim Pettway** solicited comment on the KPS's online presence.

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Bob Ceo presented the program and showed a video of Mr. Rogers' visit to USPS.

Adjournment at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, Secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting

The executive board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, for a regular meeting. There were six members in attendance. President **David Anderson** opened the meeting at 6:00.

Thomas Lane announced that KnoxPEX arrangements are good and the Holiday Inn location is under contract through 2020. **Jim Pettway** will send an email regarding a list of KPS members and their collecting interests, with option to opt in or out. The sequestration of funds for the Stamp Acquisition Committee was discussed. **Thomas Lane** stated that needs of the organization take precedence over stamp acquisition, which was met with general agreement. APS has discontinued the chapter newsletter competition; **David Anderson** will write a letter to APS expressing KPS concern. There was discussion about establishing a PayPal account, but a decision was deferred.

Jim Pettway distributed a membership report showing a total of 164 at 12/31/18. Currently, it is 156. He is following up with mailings to area new APS members concerning KPS membership.

Adjournment at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, secretary

Upcoming Events

Keep your 2019 KPS calendar, created by **Jim Pettway**, handy for next year's meetings and events. If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

March 2-3 – **KNOXPEX 2019** – Holiday Inn Knoxville West – Cedar Bluff, 9134 Executive Park Dr. Saturday, 10-5; live auction at 6; Sunday, 10-3. Don't forget to volunteer!

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 10c First Man on the Moon air mail stamp of the US (Scott C76). It was issued



September 9, 1969, less than two months after the July 20 landing of the Apollo 11 module with astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong.

Thanks go to **Joseph Jones** of Foothills Coins & Stamps for the gift of these stamps.

KPS at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition

By Bruce Roberts

While Mary and I are taking a break in Florida from chilly winter temperatures in Knoxville, it seemed logical to check out a local big stamp show in Sarasota. KPS had a big impact at Sarasota. KPS member **Paul Allen's** exhibit *Outgoing Victorian Indian Mail: October 1854- July 1876* won a large gold medal, the show Reserved Grand Award and the India Study Circle Grand for an exhibit of pre-1900 India philately.



Paul Allen receives the Reserve Grand Award from head judge, W. Danforth Walker.

Bruce Roberts won a show gold medal for his exhibit, *Arkansas 1861-65: A Divided Postal System*, which also was awarded the Robert Siegel award by the Confederate Stamp Alliance. Other KPS members attending the show included **Mike Downs** and Carolyn from Knoxville, and **Bill Johnston** from Apopka, Florida.



Mike Downs (left) and **Bruce Roberts** (right) at Bruce's exhibit.

The show was very well attended with crowds all three days.

APS AmeriStamp Expo

By Tom Broadhead

Several KPS members attended the APS winter show in February at Mesa, Arizona. I attended as the winner of the 2018 Southeastern Stamp Exposition's single frame grand award, and my exhibit on *Balloon Postcards of the Franco-German War, 1870-1871*, was in the Champion of Champions competition for last year. New KPS member, **Dawn Hamman** (below right), was in the Most Popular Champion of Champions with her thematic exhibit, *Backyard Chickens – Raising Chickens at Home, Then and Now*. The exhibit also earned a gold medal and the American Topical Society's First Place Award.



Thomas Lane (below left) was busy, putting in many hours of volunteering, in addition to stamp shopping. **Len Curtis** (below right) received his 25 year APS membership recognition form from APS president, **Bob Ziegler**.



Other KPS members at the show were **John Hamman**, ATA president, **Dale Smith** (who will be an exhibitor at KnoxPEX 2019) and APS Executive Director, **Scott English**.

Big news at the show was the announcement that APS and ATA, in addition to meeting together this August in Omaha for StampShow/National Topical Stamp Show, will also partner in 2020 at Harford, CT and in 2021 at Chicago. The American First day Cover Society will also meet at those shows! Start making your plans, now. They will be blockbuster philatelic experiences.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 5

A Spectacular Cover from 19th Century British India – Unraveling a Mystery

By Paul Allen

I recently found a cover from Bombay, India to Cairo, Egypt that was perplexing. It appears to be registered, both from the endorsement by the sender and a black boxed REGISTERED handstamp in the same ink as the circled PD handstamp and an empty Indian 4-line registration box on the front.



The auction description described the rate as 9 Annas 4 Pies postage and 4 Annas registration. In trying to write it up for my exhibit I wanted to confirm this. To do so I went to the Indian Postal Guide of 1874 and looked for the rate to Egypt. It said that the rate to Egypt was 6A for letters up to ½ oz and registration was 4A. That did not correlate with either the auction writeup **or** the postage on the cover, and I knew that the difference 3A4p was not the late fee in Bombay in 1874.

Through previous embarrassing experiences I have learned that it is not always enough to take the postal guide's single entry as gospel. I searched on Registration and found the following information in the "Changes since the last time" section in the front of the guide.

"Letters for Cairo and places in the interior of Egypt. – The postage on registered letters for these places has been increased". Immediately below that

it was written "The eight pie stamp has also been abolished and a nine pie stamp will be substituted; the existing stock of eight pie stamps will be sold at nine pies each and will be recognised as bearing the last named value. Corresponding alterations have been made in the rates of postage entered in the Foreign. Post Schedule."

I remembered hearing that the 8p stamp had been sold for 9p around this time, and I had seen another cover that demonstrated this. This is a clear example that this was done to make up a postal rate, not just rounding things up.

Taking that into account the total postage on this letter was 13A6p, the additional 2p did not help solve my problem. Because notice had specifically mentioned Cairo, it made me look to see if there was a special rate to Cairo. Eureka! I found that for letters sent on British ships from Bombay not only was there a separate listing for Cairo, but there were also separate listings for Alexandria, and Suez, as well as the listing for Egypt that I had consulted. What it appears that the notice above was saying was that the rate for steam postage on registered letters **only** to Cairo had been increased from 6 A to 9A6p. In addition, not mentioned in the notice above, the registration fee for Cairo was 6A and not 4A! as it was for the rest of the country. Thus, the rate paid on the cover was correct.

March Stamp Collecting Workshop

by Jim Pettway

This month I'll be leading a discussion "What to Collect; How to Collect Stamps." We will get into the differ types of stamp collections, talking about collecting worldwide stamps and specialized collections. Then how do you collect stamps for these collections. What are your sources and how do you store. Do you use a stamp album, stock books or stock pages?

Be ready to tell the group what and how you collect your stamps. The workshop starts at 6:15.



Visit the KPS web site by scanning the QR code at right.

Plan to Volunteer at and attend Knoxville Philatelic Exchange 2019 – March 2-3.

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The Three Sisters

Again, this year, KnoxPEX show chair, **Bob Smith** obtained a corporate sponsorship for our show from the Daniel F. Kelleher, LLC, philatelic auction firm (www.kelleherauctions.com), headquartered in Danbury, CT. This year, Kelleher promoted our show with an extensive mailing, and again was represented in the KnoxPEX bourse. Co-owner David Coogle gave a lecture on Sunday, titled “How to Get a Fair Market Price for Your Collection.” But David’s talk on Saturday, “China and The Three Sisters,” was what caught my attention.

It was the story of an incredible find of mint blocks of one of the first stamps of China (Scott 6), discovered in an attic in Britain and referred to in the press as the “[Lady Cotswolds Missionary Find](#).” Coogle described the discovery of the stamps and the path whereby they were acquired by Kelleher & Rogers in their May 22, 2015 auction in Hong Kong. The final price, including commission, was \$927,000.



David Coogle described the fascinating history of the discovery and sale of early issue blocks of Chinese stamps, named “The Three Sisters.”

This is the kind of story of what philatelic dreams are made.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

Changing Interests is a Part of the Hobby.

My collecting interests have changed the more time I have spent with stamps, something I suspect happens to us all. I started out interested in stamps of all periods and countries, classic and contemporary, on covers, in blocks, or as singles, and both mint and hinged. I quickly realized there were a lot of stamps to be had, and some of them would be forever beyond my reach. So I narrowed my interests, to emphasize classic (pre-1950) mint or used stamps from a small number of countries (n=25), and single mint stamps up to about 2010 or so from a much smaller number of countries (n=10). I collect classic stamps from those countries, usually because their designs, history, and language are of personal interest or intelligibility. Meeting many of these criteria is the classic high value British stamp of 1882 (Scott 93, below), a treasure I found at KnoxPEX.



I have started topical space and archaeology collections, and one on cats for my wife, in a futile attempt to interest her in the hobby. Fortunately, she fully tolerates my enthusiasm, even knowing what I spend on it. What I do find important is having colleagues to talk and learn about stamps with, and for that I cherish the KPS meetings. I also maintain active subscriptions to several stamp magazines and follow a number of online sites and auction houses that emphasize stamps. The key thing I have found important in furthering my education and interest about our hobby is to keep working at it. It is certainly never boring, at least to me!

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 5, 2019

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Thursday, March 5, 2019, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 26 members present. **Brent Marquand** presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report, which excludes KnoxPEX. At the end of February, the club had cash assets of \$13,431. Receipts for the month were \$2,034, and expenses were \$1,696, for a net cash inflow of \$338. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In KnoxPEX updates, show chair **Bob Smith** stated that the show's auction broke the record (\$10,329 per **Thomas Lane**). **Smith** reported eight new members, and **Jim Pettway** noted that attendance declined by four persons from last year. **Mike Downs**, exhibit chair, announced that the most popular exhibit award winner was **Don Mahaffy**. March 7-8, 2020 is the date next year, and half of the dealers have already signed up. **Dale Kangas** won the drawing for the Penny Black.

Jim Pettway reported that he is continuing work on the KPS directory with members' interests listed for those who wish to participate.

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Lori Williams presented the program and showed a video of railway postal operations.

Adjournment at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, Secretary

KnoxPEX 2019 Sets Some Records

By Thomas Lane

The KnoxPEX auction was a record breaker in many ways, represented by the numbers below.

Total number of lots – 296

Number of lots sold – 244

Number of KPS club lots – 14

Gross sales - \$10,329.00

Commissions and fees retained by the club - \$800.80

Sales of club lots - \$2,575.00

Highest sale price for a lot - \$500.00

Lowest sale price for a lot - \$1.00



Auctioneers **Tom Broadhead** (at front, left) and **Jim Pettway** (at front, right) worked through almost 300 lots in three hours. Photo by **Lori Williams**.

Upcoming Events

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April 2 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

April 20 – KPS Saturday meeting – Powell Presbyterian Church

April 30 – KPS fifth Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

May 7 – KPS monthly meeting and election of officers

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is the 1 zloty stamp of Poland (1945, Scott 370) showing the Crane Tower of Gdansk (Danzig), commemorating the return of that coastal city to Poland after World War II. These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

A Successful Show – KnoxPEX 2019 in Pictures

Photos by Lori Williams

Registered attendance at KnoxPEX was 164 (122 Saturday, 46 Sunday) reported by **Jim Pettway**. That was 4 fewer than 2018's show and 22 more than in 2017.



The registration table was busy and well-staffed by many KPS members. Adjacent were the APS and ATA information tables.



Visitors spent a lot of time viewing the exhibits and voting for the Most Popular.



Exhibits chair, **Mike Downs**, congratulates **Dan Mehaffey**, whose exhibit, “The Space Race,” won the Most Popular Exhibit award.

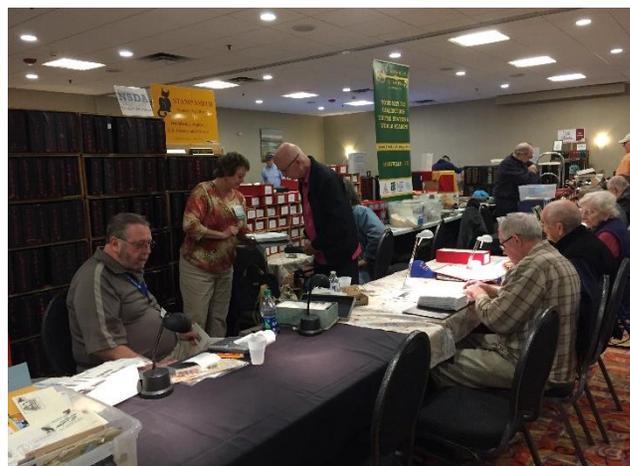
The bourse had 13 dealers, and tables were busy both days.



Our local retail stamp store, Foothills Coin & Stamps, with KPS members of the **Joseph Jones** family also sold several lots in the auction.



KPS dealer member, **Don Richter** kept busy with stamps and cover sales.



KPS dealer member **Dale Smith** and Andrea had a busy table. Dale is president of the American Topical Association.

An increasing number of KnoxPEX dealers, including **Robert Barger**, **Len Curtis**, and **Jared Casseday** are also KPS dealer members.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 2

New KPS Members Sign Up at KnoxPEX 2019

By Jim Pettway

Welcome to the following new KPS members who joined at the show.

Jim Chambers, Knoxville, TN
Selling his U.S. collection

Terry Edwards, Erwin, TN
U.S. FDCs, cut squares, postcards, worldwide, topicals.

MaryAnn Ellis, Tullahoma, TN
U.S. Great Britain, Turkey, worldwide

Grant Henderson, Powell, TN
U.S. airmail

Henry Higgins, Greeneville, TN
postcards and Florida history

John Killian, Griffin, GA

Mitchell Ruff, Knoxville, TN
U.S. Mint stamps

Connie Heckman-Williams, Waddy, KY

Dale Smith, President of ATA
Kansas City, MO
Dealer – Stamp Smith

Pete Hoke, Knoxville, TN
Sales

Oak Ridge Children's Museum Program

By Lori Williams

It has been almost a year since KPS began to furnish a hoard of international stamps for the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge (CMOR) Third Sunday Event. Once a month, KPS joins the members of the Knoxville Model Railroaders and the Oak Ridge Amateur Radio Assn. at CMOR to show visitors our hobbies. We are now seeing repeat "customers" on Third Sundays. CMOR allowed me to have a philatelically themed holiday tree at the end of 2018. In addition to the "ornaments" that I made last year, I made mini cards that looked like envelopes. The children were asked to put their names on the cards and hang them on the tree. I already have an idea for next year's holiday tree. In January some Harris beginner albums, provided by KPS, were given to children who stop by regularly. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this monthly event with their time and/or stamp contributions.

Several librarians have urged me to lead educational stamp activities. I developed several activities for them, starting with a search for presidents on stamps. I thought it would be easy to get stamps featuring each president. Wrong! Several presidents, like Coolidge, were not featured on many stamps. I explained my dilemma to the guys at Foothills Coins & Stamps, and they generously donated many stamps! I have created Philatelic Fun – a search for examples of philatelic items such as pre-cancel, hinge, and coil stamp. Another is Foreign Fun with a search for stamps from countries whose actual names are nothing like their English versions - for example, Sverige – Sweden.

Upcoming events include the monthly Third Sunday at CMOR. We have a few pairs of tongs but need more. If you have any tongs that you no longer use consider donating them to be used at these activities.

April Stamp Collecting Workshop

by Jim Pettway

This month I'm turning the workshop over to **Steve Schmidt**. Steve will show you "How to Handle and Mount Stamps". There are many types of tongs (tweezers to our British members) and each has a different use. Steve will demonstrate how to use tongs and the different types. What type of tongs do you use on a regular basis? And then, how do you mount stamps? Hinges? Scott or Hawid mounts? Crystal Mounts? Steve will show you how to cut those large Scott mounts down to size. The workshop starts at 6:15.

KnoxPEX 2019 Cachets

There are just a few left. Contact **Jim Pettway**, if you want to purchase one - \$3.00.

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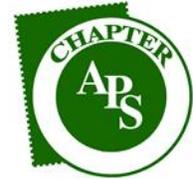
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Exhibits Online

AmeriStamp Expo in Mesa, AZ, had a lot to offer in the exhibit area, and with a focus on single frame exhibits, there was a lot of variety. Two exhibits had small plastic trays attached with business cards (shown below) that allow anyone to view their works online!

I went to <http://conceptsindustrial.com/stamps> to see what else was there. It wasn't a full web page but provided links to the two shown below. In both cases, there was much additional content not shown in the exhibits at the show. Plus, there is a link to an equally impressive site about the 1892 Columbian Exposition issue.

THE BEARDLESS LINCOLN ESSAYS
Unadopted Revenue Stamp Designs
By the National Bank Note Company

<http://conceptsindustrial.com/stamps/beardless-lincoln>

An eight frame
philatelic exhibit

**The Essays & Proofs
of the 1898
Trans-Mississippi Issue**

[conceptsindustrial.com/
stamps/trans-miss/](http://conceptsindustrial.com/stamps/trans-miss/)

Take a look at the spectacularly presented content. I hope that they will be adding more exhibits, soon.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

This is my final column as President of KPS and writing them has been something I have enjoyed from the very start. Writing them has helped me think about my own interest in the hobby, and in KPS, our outstanding club.

I have great hopes for both moving forward, and do not for a minute think that digital media is leading to the demise of our hobby. Why? Because so many people have invested so much in the hobby, locally and around the world, that there are vast and accessible resources available to help the beginning collector. It will always be a great time to start collecting, because our collections are recycled, moving on into new hands.



Stamps continually inspire and educate future generations about the past and the ways people have stayed connected over time and space. I found this out when I started collecting seriously in 2012 or so. It doesn't take decades to get into the hobby, it just takes interest. Likewise, to keep KPS going, it doesn't take much, just a willingness to help. Moving forward, the best thing we can do as a group is to recruit our replacements, both as collectors and as volunteers maintaining KPS. Being a good stamp collector, to me, means being someone working to educate others. Make it your goal to pass on your knowledge and interest, and our numbers and hobby will remain strong!

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 2, 2019

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 37 members present. President **David Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of March, the club had cash assets of \$17,274. Receipts for the month were \$17,343, and expenses were \$14,500, for a net cash inflow of \$2,843. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In KnoxPEX 2019 updates, **Thomas Lane** reported gross receipts of \$15,100 and expenses of \$13,885 for a \$1,215 profit. **Bruce Roberts** stated that \$800 of profits was distributed to eight dealers who signed contracts for KnoxPEX 2020. Show chair **Bob Smith** thanked volunteers and agreed to chair the show for one more year. He asked for a volunteer to work with him and later become show chair.

Bruce Roberts recognized the many volunteers who assisted the Stamp Acquisition Committee over the winter. **Jim Pettway** has completed and distributed the spreadsheet of the collecting interests of members. APS ambassador **Tom Broadhead** talked about future APS national shows, which will also include ATA. He noted that Knoxville is no longer under consideration to host

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the ATA national show. **Lance Limoges** noted many reductions in price on covers, a box-lot auction at a future meeting, and noted new material now available.

Bob Ceo presented the program that discussed the early 20th century production of Washington-Franklin coil stamps from flat plate printed sheets.

Adjournment at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, Secretary

APS Publishes Report that Includes KPS and Members

By Tom Broadhead

The April issue of *The American Philatelist*, the monthly magazine of the American Philatelic Society, devoted space to thanking individuals and organizations for supporting APS in many ways during 2018. I apologize in advance if I missed your name.

Cash donations were recognized for **Tom Broadhead, Art Cole, John Hamman, Thomas Lane**, and KPS. Art was also recognized as a Vooy's Fellow donor to the American Philatelic Research Library. KPS was identified as bringing in 2 new APS members. Our late members, **Richard Ehrlich** and **Floyd Quick** were mentioned, with a memorial gift from KPS. Many KPS members are regular volunteers at APS shows, including **Carol Costa, Vera Felts, Dawn** and **John Hamman, Thomas Lane, Bruce Roberts**, and **Gerald Schroedl**. There are many ways to support our hobby at the local and national levels. Thank you to all.

Upcoming Events

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May 7 – KPS monthly meeting and election of officers, KPS Board meeting at 6:00.

May 10-11 – HOLPEX 2019 – 2406 N. Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37601.

June 4 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

June 8-9 – HUNTSPEX 2019 – Calhoun Community College, 102 Wynn Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805

June 22 – KPS Saturday meeting – Peace Lutheran Church on Cedar Bluff Rd.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 65 centavo air mail of Ecuador (1938, Scott C64). It was issued for the Sociedad Ecuatoriano de Transportes Aereos (SEDTA), a private company with a postal concession. It operated from 1938-1940. These stamps are from the KPS stock.



U.S. Postal Conveyance – Rural Free Delivery/Rural Delivery

By David Myers

During our travels, my wife, Laurie, and I have had several encounters with various conveyances used to transport and distribute the U.S. Mail. While the Railway Post Offices (RPO's) are the most dramatic, we have seen a few others during our travels.

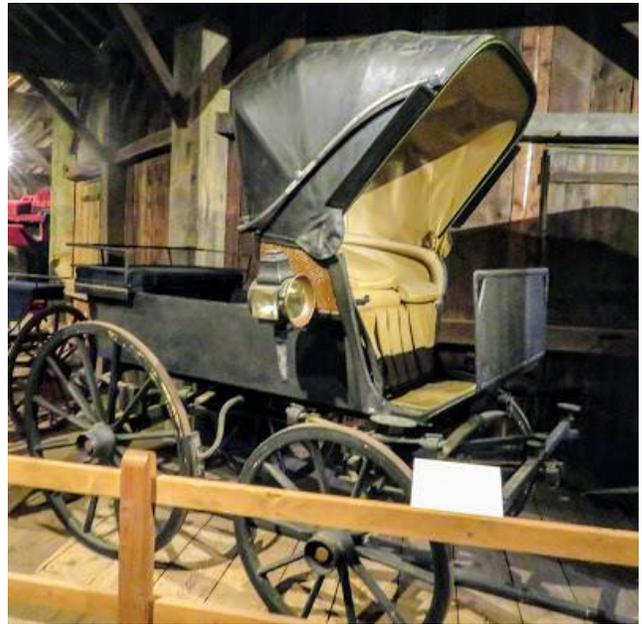
We thought that this Rural U.S. Mail Wagon (below) from Quarryville Pennsylvania was just outstanding. Note the date...1916. We took this photo in 2011 at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania near the town of Strasburg.



In 1895, Congress began a test of Rural Free Delivery of the U.S. Mail. Before RFD, farmers rarely came to town more than once a week for supplies and to pick up their mail. Local merchants opposed RFD. This mail service enabled customers to buy their products through mail order. Within a year after RFD was initiated, Sears, Roebuck & Company claimed that catalog sales equaled 4 suits and a watch every minute, a revolver every 2 minutes and a buggy every 10 minutes. Revenues tripled in 5 years! In addition, many small rural post offices were eliminated. By 1902, Rural Free Delivery was established throughout the country...so the word "Free" was eliminated.

This carriage (above at right) is called a Mail Phaeton (ca. 1882). It was built by F.S. Brown and Company in New York City. The Mail Phaeton got its name from the first English mail coach built during the reign

of King George IV. This photograph was taken at the Shelburne Museum near Burlington Vermont.



The horse drawn United States Postal Service sleigh (below) was once used to deliver the mail as well as packages from American Express at Harvard Massachusetts. It is on display at the Boothbay Railroad Village in Maine.



This Rural Free Delivery sleigh (page 4 at top) was used to deliver mail in Vermont during the winters in the 1920's and 1930's. This more "modern" sleigh

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was equipped with a small stove that provided at least a little bit of heat. Note that the shafts are offset so the horses can walk in the runner tracks left by previous sleighs. This photo was taken in August 2018 at the President Coolidge State Historical Site in Plymouth Notch Vermont.



I was surprised to learn that back in the early days of Rural Free Delivery the mail carriers had to buy their own carriages, wagons and sleighs, plus they had to purchase and take care of their own horses.

By 1910, rural routes covered 993,068 miles and the service employed almost 41,000 carriers. In 1930, there were 43,278 rural routes! The first rural route in Tennessee was initiated on January 11, 1897 and it was based out of the town of Atoka.

Spring and Summer Stamp Shows

By Tom Broadhead

Mark your calendars for two great, nearby stamp shows in this month and next. Members of both organizations are also KPS members. Support our local clubs!



The Holston Stamp Club will host **HOLPEX 2019** on May 10-11, at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 2406 N. Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37601. Show hours are 10-4 both days.

The show features dealers, exhibits, and programs and stamps for beginning collectors. Admission and parking are free. More about

the show is at www.sefsc.org/holpex.html. Learn more about the Holston Stamp Club and see postings on its Facebook page.

The Huntsville Philatelic Society will host its annual show, **HUNTSPEX 2019** on June 8-9, at Calhoun Community College, 102 Wynn Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805. Show hours are 10-5 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday.



The show will have 17 dealers, competitive exhibits, a cachet and commemorative cancel, and a USPS postal station. The show theme is the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. More information is at www.sefsc.org/huntspex.html and at the society's Facebook page.

It's Election Time at KPS!



The KPS May meeting includes our traditional election of board members and officers. A slate of candidates has not been made available at this writing. Those who are interested in being an officer of board member should email their intent to KPS Vice President, Bob Ceo – bobnceo@comcast.net. The Vice President is in charge of the election.

Offices to be elected are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 2 Board Members (Maria Javier and Jim Pettway terms concluded)



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A New Year Begins – KPS Elections

The May KPS meeting included our annual election of officers, and a new year has begun. Congratulations to president, **Brent Marquand**; vice president, **Tom Handler**; treasurer, **Thomas Lane**; secretary, **John Smartt**; executive board members, **Maria Javier**, **Lance Limoges**, and **Dick Odum**. The new officers and board members assumed their responsibilities at the end of the meeting.



KPS officers and board members for 2019-2020 (left to right), **Dick Odum**, **Thomas Lane**, **Tom Handler**, **Brent Marquand**, **Maria Javier**, **Lance Limoges**.

On another topic – bulk stamps, also known as kiloware – APS Executive Director and KPS member, **Scott English** writes in the May 2019 issue of *The American Philatelist* (p. 412) about the abundance of bulk stamps that APS has to share with chapters for their outreach and club programs. There are hundreds of boxes available for the asking.

How would we use these? The Wyoming Valley Stamp Club has a display in a local library, accompanied by small bags of stamps – free for potential collectors. These might also be helpful for **Lori Williams's** programs at the Oak Ridge Museum or **Jim Pettway's** community talks. Think about it – a way to advance our education mission.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I began collecting stamps by the time I was 8 years old. My father brought home stamps from his office; I raided my grandfather's attic for old mail; and I hung out at the rack of stamp supplies in the local department store. Of course, I sent off for all the “free” stamps, with approvals, from the advertisers in the back of *Boys' Life* and *Popular Science*. Whenever I could I bought packets of stamps by country, but I collected everything I found without regard to country or date. I collected in this fashion throughout my years in school.

Although my interest continued, the time I spent collecting was cut back while pursuing a career and raising a family. When I finally had more time to devote to stamps, I decided not to try to collect everything from everywhere. After a recent family adventure in Europe and because of my interest in history, I started to focus on countries that had their roots in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. One of those countries was Czechoslovakia, and Czech stamps reflect the culture and history of the region. I enjoy seeing on stamps the sights that I observed in my brief stay there. The Czechs are particularly proud of Prague castle (“Prazsky Hrad” – Scott 5 at left), reputed to be the largest in the world (Scott 1-53, 2579). The art in the castle is portrayed on numerous stamps (beginning with Scott 1752-53).



Prague's historic Charles Bridge and its statuary are depicted on Scott 2196, 2184, & 619. The oldest operating astronomical clock and the gateway to old Prague is on Scott # 2185-90. Pilsner beer, which our entire party agreed was very good, is celebrated by Scott #767 & 1074. But, not every tourist site appears on a stamp. I have been unable to identify a stamp depicting one of the most curious and famous tourist attractions – the Bone Church in Kutna Hora. I will leave that place for you to discover.

Brent Marquand

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 7, 2019

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 35 members present. **David Anderson** presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report, **which excludes KnoxPEX. At the end of February, the club had cash assets of \$13,431. Receipts for the month were \$2,034, and expenses were \$1,696, for a net cash inflow of \$338. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.**

Brief reports were made by the outgoing President, **David Anderson** and outgoing Vice President, **Bob Ceo**, thanking member for allowing them to serve and summarizing the Executive Board meeting. In committee reports, **Bruce Roberts** summarized the Stamp Acquisition Committee's (SAC) work and asked for help working up newly acquired collections. A member is needed to shadow **Bob Smith** at KnoxPEX 2020 and be prepared to become show chair the following year. In new business, the service agreement with Community Television was approved for the year.

Annual election of officers and board members was held, and the following slate was approved by acclamation: President, **Brent Marquand**; Vice President, **Tom Handler**; Secretary, **John Smartt**; Treasurer, **Thomas Lane**; Directors, **Maria Javier, Lance Limoges, and Dick Odum.**

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Adjournment at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted, David Anderson, interim secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting

The executive board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, for a regular meeting. David Anderson presided, called the meeting to order at 6:05, and took notes on behalf of Secretary John Smartt. Three agenda items were discussed: (1) finalizing a proposed slate of officers and Directors for 2019/2020 (as reported under New business at left); (2) renewal of the Community Television of Knoxville service for year from February 2019 thru January 2020 at a cost of \$30/year (Approved), and (3) Establishing Pro-Rated Dues for KPS Membership of \$15 from January-June and \$10 from July-December (Approved). The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

June KPS Workshop

The June Stamp Collecting Workshop will cover identifying stamps using a perforation gauge, watermark detector, magnifier, and color charts. In later workshops we will get into more details, but for now we'll just get an overview. I'm expecting questions to which I or other members will answer. These workshops are directed more at beginner collectors, BUT I've had more than one experienced collector tell me he picks up something he didn't know at each workshop. Workshops are for all, and your input during workshops helps others. Show and Tell: Bring with you instruments that you use to identify stamps.

Upcoming Events

Keep your 2019 KPS calendar, created by **Jim Pettway**, handy for this year's meetings and events. If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

June 4 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

June 22 – KPS Saturday meeting – place TBA.

July 2 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

July 30 – KPS fifth Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 1.55 zloty official stamp of Poland (1954, Scott O31) showing the eagle crest of Poland and commemorating the 10th anniversary of the



Polish People's Republic. Official stamps were issued for use only by government offices, and postwar Polish stamps typically do not display the numeral denomination. These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

Notre Dame de Paris

By Tom Broadhead

On Monday, April 15, the wooden roof of the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, one of the world's most famous places of worship, caught fire and collapsed into the sanctuary of the building. Paris firefighters fought the blaze for many hours before extinguishing it. The room area of the 850 year old cathedral had been under restoration, and several important stone statues had been removed just four days before the fire. The walls and supports of Notre Dame are stone and suffered some damage, but did not collapse.

Although perhaps not the most widely depicted monument on French stamps, Notre Dame has appeared many times. The first image on a stamp was as part of the background on the 25 centime 1924 Paris Olympics commemorative (Scott 199, below).

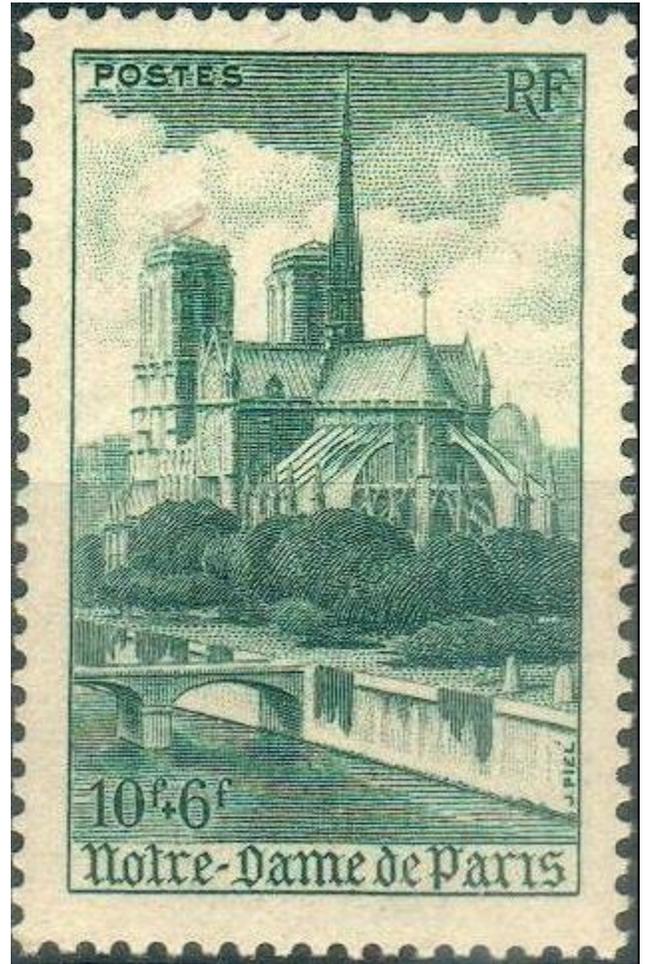


Next, in 1936, the cathedral appeared both as the stamp indicia and a cachet image on a postal card (below, sent to Germany) denominated for international use.



The twin towers on the stamp image face west. There is a tightly winding spiral stone staircase in each – one up and one downward. I remember climbing them and feeling very claustrophobic in the single file stairway. The cachet image on the lower left of the card shows the eastward facing end of the cathedral, including the spire and lead-covered wooden roof that were destroyed in the fire.

The next, and one of the most beautifully engraved stamps (Scott B217, below) also shows the eastern end of Notre Dame. The pair of photos below show the east end before and during the fire.



One of the most dramatic events of the fire was the collapse of the central spire. Today regarded as an integral part of the cathedral, it was not constructed until the middle 19th century! Early images of Notre Dame (16th century, next page) show the absence of a spire. When restoration occurs, should the form reflect the original, or should a new spire be added?

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This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 4

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Recent stamps (Scott 2150, 1989; Scott 3047d, 2004) below show accurate diagrammatic and photographic images.



The outside of Notre Dame, built from local limestone, has withstood, but suffered from two centuries of exposure to atmospheric pollution, which has eaten away sculptural details and softened the limestone. More than \$190 million had been pledged to restore much of the external stonework, and scaffolding had been constructed on the wooden roof, supported by beams each carved from a single log in the 12th century.

The marvels of Notre Dame are not limited to its exterior, and it is famous for its ancient stained glass. The 800th anniversary of its construction was commemorated in 1964 by a stamp depicting the

Madonna and Child (Scott 1090, below) and the 850th anniversary was similarly commemorated in 2013 with a souvenir sheet (below) (Scott xx).



As efforts begin to rebuild, most likely there will be a new semi postal stamp or series to help with fund raising.



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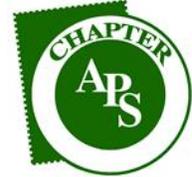
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What Will Be the Theme for KnoxPEX 2020?

It's that time of the year when we select a theme for next spring's show – KnoxPEX 2020. To get publicity underway, we will need to start discussion at the July KPS meeting and plan to vote at the August meeting. What are some possibilities?

June 13, 1920 - The U.S. Post Office Department ruled that children may not be sent by parcel post. The 1914 mailing in Idaho of 5 year old May Pierstorff is legendary – it cost her parents 53 cents – much cheaper than buying a train ticket. This and additional strange stories are at <https://postalmuseum.si.edu/parcelpost100/p4.html>.

August 20, 1920 – The first commercial radio station in the United States, 8MK (WWJ), begins operations in Detroit. Now, that's a milestone.

August 26, 1920 – The [Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution](#) is passed, guaranteeing [women's suffrage](#). Tennessee played an important role in this, being the 36th and last required state to ratify the amendment. It was commemorated 50 years ago with a stamp (Scott 1406), and I hope there will be a new stamp next summer.



Bring your ideas to share at the July KPS meeting!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Last month I mentioned my interest in Czech stamps, particularly because of their historical appeal. During a tour of Salem Village in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, I made a connection to the history depicted on many Czech stamps and sights that I had seen in Prague. Salem Village was established in the 1750's by members of the Moravian Church that were seeking religious freedom.

The Moravian Church was built on the teachings of Jan Hus, a religious reformer in Bohemia who predated Martin Luther by about 100 years. He was martyred in 1415 by being burned at the stake, but his followers, known as Hussites, became the predominant religion in Bohemia and Moravia and rebelled against the Catholic Church. The Hussites defeated five crusades sent from Rome, during the Hussite Wars (Scott 614 & 1693), but they were defeated, and their lands were absorbed into the Austrian Empire in 1620.

For 300 years, the Protestant Hussite religion was suppressed and conversion to Catholicism was enforced. When Czechoslovakia gained its independence following World War I, it issued stamps depicting a Hussite priest and the breaking of chains (Scott 65-75).



When Czechoslovakia came under Russian domination and religion was again suppressed, the Czechs continued to issue stamps honoring Jan Hus and his church (Scott 534-36). Shown here is the 1965 stylized version of

his martyrdom (Scott 1328).

Today there are few Hussite adherents left in the Czech Republic, but Jan Hus remains a national hero. The Jan Hus Memorial in Prague's Old Town is depicted on a 2015 souvenir sheet (Scott 3654).

Brent Marquand

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 4, 2019

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 40 members present. **Brent Marquand** presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of May, the club had cash assets of \$12,871. Receipts for the month were \$6,727, and expenses were \$11,229, for a net cash outflow of \$4,502. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In committee reports, **Bruce Roberts** summarized the Stamp Acquisition Committee's (SAC) work, noting that many classic US and UK stamps have been acquired and are being sold at silent auction from a local estate. **Lance Limoges** announced new additions to the KPS cover stock. **Jim Pettway** is seeking volunteers to (1) maintain our page on the Southeast Federation web site, (2) place notices of KPS meetings in local media, and (3) present workshops on (a) identifying UK stamps and (b) how to maintain a stamp inventory. **Tom Broadhead**, APS Ambassador talked about the APS/ATA joint show in Omaha in August. Members were reminded that after next year, we will need a new KnoxPEX show chair.

There was no program, and adjournment was at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, secretary

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That's What I'm Talking About – Volunteer to Communicate!

by Jim Pettway

At the June KPS meeting I asked for volunteers to help with KPS Communications. **Mike Downs** offered to help me by sending meeting announcements to the *Knoxville News Sentinel*. Mike does a lot of volunteer work for the KPS – Thank you, Mike.

The next day, I got an email from one of our new members, **John Brimi**, who told me he would help with Community TV announcements. John is now writing script for KPS meeting announcements on CTV-Knoxville. His first PSA started airing Monday, June 10. You can watch CTV on Comcast NBCUniversal – Channel 12; Charter – Channel 193, WOW – Channel 6; AT&T U-verse – Channel 99. Check their programming schedule.

Gene Hahn stepped up to help maintain the KPS page at the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs website, - www.sefsc.org/knoxville-philatelic-society.html. Don't forget, we also have the main KPS website, www.knoxstamps.com, which I will continue to maintain.

Others working on communications include **Lori Williams** – Facebook, **Tom Broadhead** and **Ralph Dinwiddie** – newsletter and show, **Bruce Roberts** – stamp acquisitions, and I will continue to keep members informed by email. If you have questions or want to volunteer, email me at info@knoxstamps.com.

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July 2 – KPS monthly meeting, program – Notre Dame de Paris, Past, Present, and Future – by Tom Broadhead.

July 30 – KPS fifth Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

August 6 – KPS monthly meeting and board meeting, program TBA.

Stamp of the Month



Happy July 4! This month's stamp is the 4 cent US commemorative of July 4, 1957, showing the 48 star flag (Scott 1094). I consider this to be the most beautiful flag stamp of the US. These stamps come to us from the stock of the KPS Stamp Acquisition Committee. For more on US flag stamps, see my YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/gvNt6ISZp90> - sung by my son, Evan.

U.S. Mail – Railway Post Offices

By David Myers



I photographed this old Delaware & Ohio Railway Post Office (RPO) near the south edge of Cooperstown, NY in the early fall of 2011. This RPO coach was built between 1928 and 1930 by American Car and Foundry in St. Charles Missouri. At the time we visited the area, this car was serving as the passenger handling 'depot' for the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad at the north end of the line.



This beautiful Louisville and Nashville Railroad Railway Post Office (RPO) car was built in 1914. It was restored at the Steamtown National Historic Site in 1999. We took these photos in August of 2018. The colorful but peaceful inside of this RPO car belies that

action that took place as Railway Postal Workers sorted the mail as the trains moved along...

The U.S. Mail business was very important for the railroads as it was the key money maker on passenger service routes. Railway Post Office cars used to be operated with scheduled rail passenger trains as the best way to move mail and packages from one town to the next. Cancellation of the 'rail mail' doomed most remaining passenger routes... The Santa Fe Railroad alone lost annual income totaling \$35 million.

At the height of their use, RPO cars were used on more than 9,000 routes and on more than 200,000 miles of track in North America. Most routes were eliminated during the 1960s. After 113 years of railway post office operations the last RPO route, between New York and Washington D.C. was discontinued on June 30, 1977. Curiously, the last route with an RPO railway post office title was on a boat, the Boat Railway Post Office on Lake Winnepesaukee New Hampshire. The postmark was September 30, 1978.

What I never noticed on an RPO car is a mail deposit slot, which most RPO cars had on their side so mail could be posted by customers when trains were stopped at a station. Mail sent directly via an RPO car was cancelled just like if it had been mailed at your local post office. The cancel included the train number, endpoint cities on the RPO route, the date, and either RMS (Railway Mail Service) or PTS (Postal Transportation Service) between the killer bars.



While I was familiar with RPOs, I've since learned about SRPOs. Streetcar Railway Post Office routes operated in several major U.S. cities between the 1890s and the 1920s. These streetcars had interiors that resembled the railway RPOs. One or two clerks worked in the Streetcar RPO to sort mail for post office stations and branches along the route as well as for the railroad RPOs that served the cities.

Cities that had SRPOs included Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington D.C. The final route was in Baltimore.

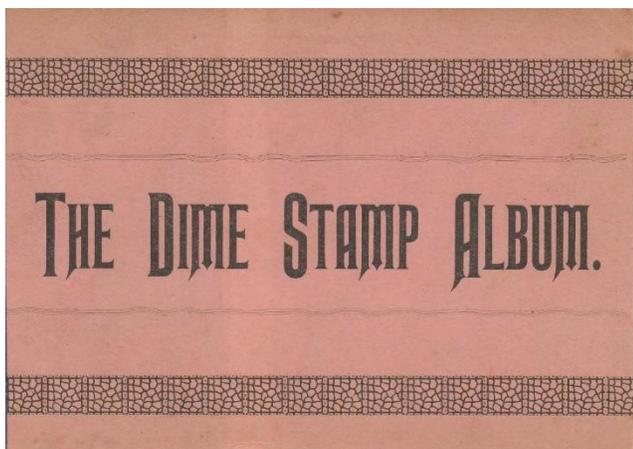
The Mobile Post Office Society, Affiliate 64 of the American Philatelic Society, has published monographs detailing the operational history of each route. The MPO Society's website can be found at <https://www.eskimo.com/~rkunz/mposhome.html>

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 2

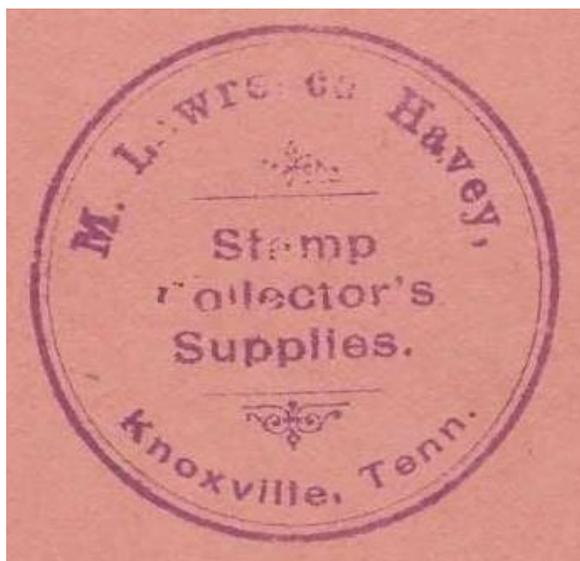
An Old Knoxville Stamp Dealer

By Tom Broadhead

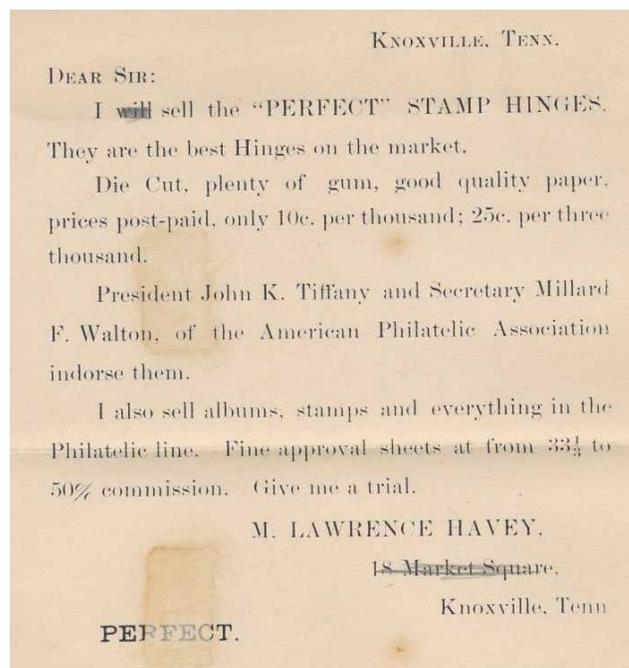
A few years ago, Stamp Acquisition Committee Chair, **Bruce Roberts**, sent me pictures of a small paper stamp album that had turned up in a SAC collection purchase. I enjoy seeing old albums, but this one was quite special, with a Knoxville connection.



The cover (above) pretty much says it all, and there are no stamps on the pages. The back side of the album has a purple hand stamp (below) for the local dealer, suggesting that these may have been widely available commercially and not just in Knoxville.



Further information and clues about this interesting item are found in a short, printed letter (above right) that is glued to the inside of the back cover. A few pencil edits suggest that not only "will" Mr. Havey sell the purported "PERFECT" stamp hinges, but it says that he does sell them! A detailed description of this product is provided along with mentions of then APS officers who "indorse" [sic] them.



Although it is marked through, the street address got my attention, and one afternoon, I walked down to Market Square to find the building where Mr. Havey once had his stamp store. Not all buildings have numbers, so I had to ask a few what their building addresses were.



This is the building – and the address for The Lost Tavern is 20, but the door at the right, which originally led upstairs, is 18 Market Square!



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Volunteer to conduct a collecting workshop and help with communications!

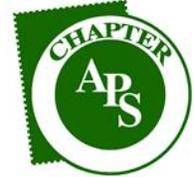
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KnoxPEX 2020 – Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage

KPS members attending the July monthly meeting overwhelmingly voted to celebrate the centennial of passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution – giving women the right to vote. I will be writing several articles in the coming months about similar movements in other countries and the almost 50 year time span between when Wyoming granted women the right to vote in 1869 and the 19th Amendment ratification.

Tennessee, and especially East Tennessee played an important role in this much belated achievement. In downtown Knoxville, there are two great bronze statues commemorating it. These were created through the efforts of the Suffrage Coalition, a local organization that preserves “the history of the Woman Suffrage Movement.” <http://suffragecoalition.org>. Next spring at KnoxPEX, we hope to have an exhibit of archival and informational material from them.

Our cachet designer, Ralph Dinwiddie and I have started discussion of the stamps to use on our cachets in March. The two available ones are the 6c 50th anniversary (Scott 1406) and the 32c 75th anniversary (Scott 2980). There is also a 32c stamp from the 1920s Celebrate the Century sheet (Scott 3184), but it would be tough to get 100 copies.



Start thinking about ways to celebrate this great event next year – the ratification date is August 26, and we should expect a new stamp to commemorate – maybe a first day ceremony in Knoxville?

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

As I continue my journey in stamp collecting, I have gone from collecting the pictures in an album to differentiating stamps based on their many attributes, be they perforations, colors, watermarks, and papers. I am continually impressed by the scholarship involved in the hobby. As mentioned in an earlier column, I am interested in stamps of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. That requires me to differentiate stamps based on their watermarks, perforations, color shades, and paper types. A big issue for me is identifying the paper types used in early issues. As a consequence, I recently suggested different paper types as a workshop. Less than two weeks later an article appeared on the KPS website explaining the history of papermaking related to philately. The article explains how the different paper types of stamps were made, what they look like, and how to tell them apart. It also explains how watermarks are imprinted and gives representative examples of common watermarks. It explains how papermaking has progressed from a single sheet at a time to the rolls of paper we use today. It shows reference stamps depicting dye types, granite paper, silk paper, wove paper, laid paper, batonne paper, quadrille



paper, and oblong paper. Pictured here is the 1850-54 Austrian 2 kr. coat of arms (Scott # 2, 2a, 2c). It was initially printed on thick hand-made paper, at some point on ribbed paper, and later on smooth machine-made paper. The type of paper matters. The catalog values vary from \$80.00 to over \$4500, and when you see one, you can always hope.

When I talk to KPS members and as I look at the other articles on the KPS website, I am impressed by the breadth and depth of knowledge that our members possess. Please consider adding to KPS’s scholarship by posting your own research. Based on my suggestion of the topic and the appearance of the article, I will certainly suggest additional topics for workshops and presentations!

Brent Marquand

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 2, 2019

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 37 members present. **Brent Marquand** presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of June, the club had cash assets of \$9,751. Receipts for the month were \$10,928, and expenses were \$14,031, for a net cash outflow of \$4,103. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In reports, **Bruce Roberts** announced a major buy last week at a Kelleher auction attended by **Thomas Lane** and **Bob Smith**. **Lance Limoges** reported new additions to the KPS cover stock. **Thomas Lane** announced that the KPS holiday lunch December 7 will be at Chesapeake's West, 11:30-2:00. He will make a reservation for the 2020 lunch at Lakeside Tavern. **Lori Williams** noted that there were 41 children at her program with stamps at the Oak Ridge Children's Museum. On Saturday, Foothills Stamps will be at Rothschilds with newly acquired material.

Tom Broadhead presented the program about the philately and history of Notre Dame de Paris.

Adjournment was at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, secretary

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Philatelic Puzzler

by Bob Smith

What country overprints its Official Department stamps with the name of a tool of the trade of the department? The answer – next month!

KPS Workshops

By Jim Pettway

I'm looking for volunteers to lead Stamp Collecting Workshops. These were first intended for beginner collectors, but I have gotten requests from both beginning and returning collectors wanting to know everything from how to mount stamps to how to measure perforations. Now I'm being asked about more advanced workshops. How do you identify the different papers printing? What are the different types of printing processes? Please step up and volunteer your expertise.



Jim Pettway (at left) led a recent workshop that included identification of ink colors.

Upcoming Events

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Workshop: **Gene Hahn** – British stamps, pre-1953.

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Stamp of the Month



To start our theme for KnoxPEX 2019, this month's stamp is the 50 cent US definitive stamp of the Liberty series showing suffragist, Susan B. Anthony (Scott 2051). These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

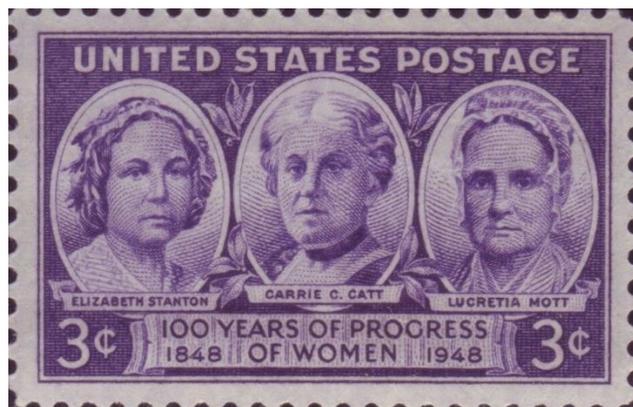
Champions of U.S. Women's Rights on Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

This will be the first of several articles that I will write for you, related to the theme of our upcoming show, KnoxPEX 2020. For those of us who have voted in elections in the 20th and 21st centuries, it is a staggering thought that many of our female ancestors did not have the right to vote until 1920!

The ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution – *The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any other State on the basis of sex* – was finalized in August, 1920, when Tennessee ratified it. I'll share the interesting details of that in a later article.

The organized movement to grant women the right to vote and the women's rights movement began (if not earlier informally) at the convention in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. This event was commemorated by a U.S. stamp (Scott 959, below with first day cover) in 1948.



KPS selected this as the theme for KnoxPEX 1998, and it was reported in the club newsletter in the December 1997-January 1998 issue (see this and other KPS newsletters on our web page – www.knoxstamps.com). Our web site also has images of show cachets for many

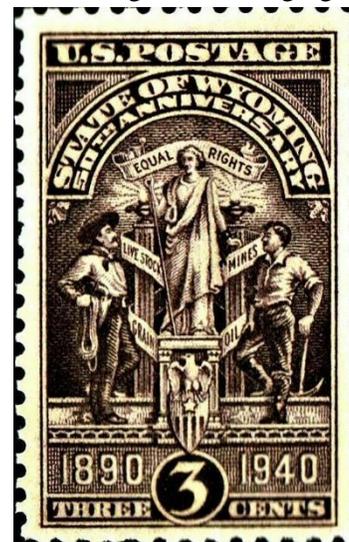
years, but we don't have an image of the 1998 cachet. If you have a 1998 KnoxPEX cachet (there were two designs), please send a scan or bring them to a club meeting so that we can add them to the online archive.

Although Stanton, Catt, and Mott are among the most prominent heroes of the early women's rights movement, Susan B. Anthony has the greatest name recognition. She has been honored with two U.S. stamps in 1936 (Scott 784, below left) and in 1958 (Scott 2051, below right). The 1958 stamp is this month's Stamp of the Month.



Prior to the ratification of the 19th Amendment, voting rights for women in the U.S. were an individual matter, state-by-state. There are many great web sites with chronologies of woman's suffrage in the U.S. www.thoughtco.com/womens-suffrage-timeline-by-state-3530520. Notably, the Wyoming Territory, organized in 1869 was the first entity in the U.S. to grant women the right to vote. Some supporters thought it would help attract women to move to the territory, where men outnumbered women, 6:1. The following year, Esther Morris was elected a Justice of the Peace. Other territories and states followed, and some changed their minds – Utah granted voting rights in 1870 but the U.S. Congress passed a bill nullifying that, in part due to Mormon polygamy, in 1887.

The 1940 stamp honoring the 50th anniversary of statehood (Scott 897, at right) shows an image of the Seal of the state, with the inscription, "Equal Rights" at the top. From territory to state, Wyoming kept its commitment to voting rights.



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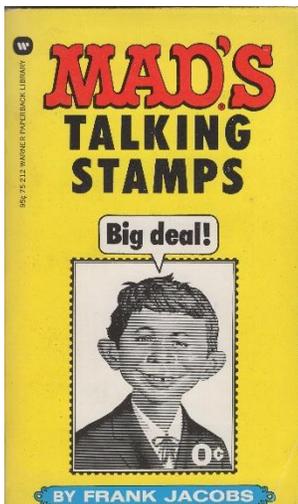
End of an Era

By Tom Broadhead

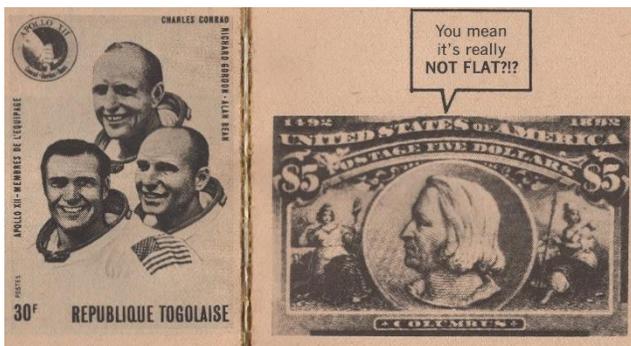
Rumors have been about that the venerable publication, *Mad Magazine* would soon cease publication. First published in 1952, it was a source of original, quirky humor as a monthly, more recently bimonthly. New content is scheduled to stop, and republished material will continue until all paid subscriptions are concluded.

<https://comicbook.com/dc/2019/07/04/mad-magazine-to-cess-publication/>

So, why mention a humor magazine in a philatelic newsletter? A couple of years ago, KPS member **Bob Ceo** gave a club talk about a book – *Mad's Talking Stamps* (by Frank Jacobs, 1974) (at left). Originally sold for 95 cents, I bought a copy on eBay for \$5.00. I find its odd philatelic humor – offbeat captions given to images of both US and worldwide stamps – to be priceless.



And, what better selection to share with you than the one below, relevant to this year's anniversary of manned Moon landings and the U.S. space program. The example shows a stamp of Togo (Scott 744), part of a series issued to commemorate both the Apollo 11 and 12 Moon landings. On the left page, the stamp shows Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad, Richard Gordon, and Allen Bean. On the facing page is an image of the \$5 Columbian issue of 1893 (Scott 245). Columbus expresses surprise that the earth is not flat!



For me, the wonder of *Mad Magazine* does not stop there. I remember very distinctly the campaign to elect

Mad icon, Alfred E. Newman, the perennial optimist (What - me worry?), President. This effort first



appeared on a *Mad* cover in 1956, but I remember it later – probably 1960. You could get small sheets of cinderellas (below) showing the goofy grinning image of Newman, and I am certain that some of these probably made their way onto covers and into the mail stream. What a treasure a postally cancelled Newman label on a cover would be! The “4” might have passed by a few postal clerks, as it was the domestic rate for 1 ounce letters from August 1, 1958 – January 7, 1963.

Only recently, I saw the image below, attributed to *Mad*, but lacking an indicated issue. Even with a torn upper right corner, I consider it to be collectible, and would enjoy adding one to my collection.



Can you find all the errors? I found 13.

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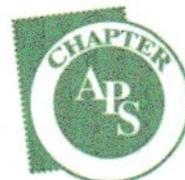
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Joint National Stamp Shows Are a Huge Success

Last year's APS StampShow, held jointly with the American Topical Association's National Topical Stamp Show was a resounding success. This year's national show in Omaha repeated that success, and future years will be even bigger, and undoubtedly greater. APS and ATA will be joined by the American First Day Cover Society next year, and perhaps thereafter, at New Haven. Bringing together the three largest philatelic societies will increase exhibits, dealers, and attendance. Moreover, the first day ceremonies have stoked the interests of topical collectors and first day cover collectors.



APS Executive Director **Scott English** announces the joint national show next year and the following at the APS annual meeting in Omaha. From left to right are Foster Miller (AFDCS), **Scott English**, Dale Smith (outgoing ATA President), Dawn Hamman (ATA President), and John Hamman (ATA Show Coordinator).

APS is now searching for a name for this combined show. APS members received an email requesting suggestions. I have seen a few like, "Mother of All Stamp Shows," "Show of Shows," and more serious ideas that highlight the fact that this is our national show. France has PhilExFrance – we could have PhilExUSA, or maybe USAPhilEx. I like the idea of something that can be spoken. What do you think? Respond to the APS request for show names with your idea.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I have mentioned that I am interested in history – not just events of global or national import, but also the stories that are only of consequence to those involved. I have musings as I examine new stamp acquisitions; questions which will never be answered, but which make stamp collecting more interesting to me. Postmarks on used stamps and hinges on mint stamps are evidence that the stamps had a life before landing in my hands. Stamps a hundred years old have passed through the hands of more than one collector and we have no way to know the journey that stamp has taken.

I have poured over old family correspondence. The stamps or frankings are of no particular value, but, to me, the history behind them is interesting. Many were sent in wartime. There is correspondence from both of my grandfathers who were doughboys in the Great War, and more from my mother's World War II correspondence from her family and friends, who were serving overseas. Finally, I have letters from my brother when he was stationed in D.C. and later aboard a landing craft of Marines during Desert Storm.



This brings me to the intersection of the stories of my maternal grandfather and Emperor Karl I, last emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. As a senior army officer before becoming Emperor in 1916, and later as Emperor, the army serving under Karl was responsible for using poison gas during World War I. During 1918, my grandfather received injuries from mustard gas while fighting in Belgium. On the day of the Armistice, Emperor Karl relinquished his title and was exiled to the island of Madeira, where he died in 1922. He was beatified by the Catholic Church in 2002. The stamp above (Scott M82), showing Karl, was sold only a few days before the Armistice, and was never issued in the field. My mint copy has several hinge marks, evincing its journey from 1918-2019 and from Vienna to Knoxville.

Brent Marquand

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of July, the club had cash assets of \$12,011. Receipts for the month were \$6,159, and expenses were \$3,899, for a net cash outflow of \$2,259. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Brent Marquand announced that the Holiday Lunch will be at Chesapeake on December 7. **Bruce Roberts** announced the need for transport/storage of the KPS red box inventory during his sojourn in Florida this winter. He noted that the large June purchase is still being processed. **Jim Pettway**, communications chair, reported that he maintains the KPS calendar on our web site knoxstamps.com. The August 17 Saturday meeting will be at the Farragut United Methodist Church. **Brent Marquand** announced the end of the APS circuit book program due to the low level of interest. APS ambassador **Tom Broadhead** talked about his visit to the Omaha, APS-ATA joint show. Next summer the show will be in Hartford, CT, which will include the American First Day Cover Society.

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In 2021 the APS-ATA-AFDCS show will be in Chicago and will also be an international show.

Adjournment was at 7:24.

Lance Limoges presented the program about covers and shared some fascinating examples.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, secretary

Philatelic Puzzler

by Bob Smith

Last month, I asked what country overprints its Official Department stamps with the name of a tool of the trade of the department? It's Argentina and the Ministry of Public Works (Ministerio de Obras Públicas) - MOP. Scott OD299B shown at right.



What would be more appropriate in public works than keeping them clean – with a mop!

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November 5 – KPS monthly meeting, program – **Joseph Jones** – How to Identify Washington-Franklin stamps. KPS Board meeting at 6:00 – all are invited to attend.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp (Scott 387) is the Canadian part of the joint US-Canadian issue commemorating the St. Lawrence Seaway – a busy ship traffic route.



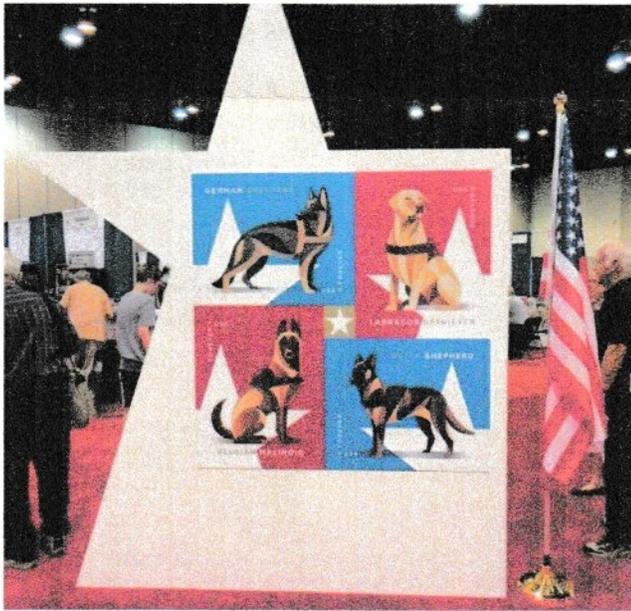
Notably, at least one sheet of these stamps was printed with the center inverted. The US stamps are not known to have this rare error. These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

Is your stamp one of the rare inverts?

StampShow–National Topical Stamp Show – Omaha 2019

By Tom Broadhead

August is the month for the American Philatelic Society's annual great event, StampShow. Following the outstanding success last year of a joint show with the American Topical Association, a second highly successful show was held in Omaha, NE. Highlights included a first day ceremony for the new Military Service Dogs stamps, and there were service dogs in attendance! The novel fold-up booklet has five blocks of the four stamps.



The show bourse was busy all four days of the show, and I spent some great time at the American Topical Association booth (below), which did a thriving business on new members and sales of topical reference books and the “taste of topicals” minicollections. ATA outgoing president **Dale Smith** and new president **Dawn Hamman** are KPS members, as is **John Hamman**, ATA's show coordinator. **Vera Felts**, retiring ATA executive director also is a KPS member. **Carol Costa** and I are both ATA board members.



One of the biggest attractions at the show was related to this year's 150th (sesquicentennial) anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad. Union Pacific Corporation, created during the Civil War, is headquartered in Omaha and was a major corporate sponsor for the show. At the show, there were some railroad ephemera dealers, and ATA had a photo spot – shown below with (right to left) **Bob Ceo**, **Lori Williams**, and me. We were the only Knoxville area KPS members there, and yes, we were all wearing our KPS logo shirts.



During the show, Union Pacific brought its “Big Boy” locomotive to town from Cheyenne, WY. One of 25 built for Union Pacific in the 1930's, “Big Boy” is one of 8 still in existence and is the only one in operation. At 85 feet, 3.4 inches in length and a weight of 762,000 pounds, it is the largest in the world.



When it arrived in Omaha, it was pulling 5 passenger cars, and a special ceremony was held at the end of the train, featuring APS Executive Director **Scott English** (left) and ATA President, **Dawn Hamman** (center).



It was a spectacular show – start making your plans to go to New Haven, CT next summer!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 3

Introduce Yourself and Welcome Guests to the KPS

by Jim Pettway

On a recent trip across the eastern United States I made it a point to attend a stamp club meeting in a large city. I arrived at the meeting about 15 minutes before the meeting time. When the meeting got underway I expected to be welcomed and recognized as a visitor, introduce myself and be given the opportunity to give a brief promo for KPS. This didn't happen. There were 15 members at the meeting, and I could tell that this once very large club was down to a bare few. One person did approach me and we carried on a brief conversation, but that was it. Others were in their own world "doing their own thing."

What did I take back to the KPS from this experience? Nothing positive to share. Did this club care? Obviously not. So now I ask you, "What are you as an individual doing to greet and welcome guests, maybe potential KPS members to KPS meetings?" How about take the lead and introduce them to some club officers and a few members with like collecting interests. Show them the inventory of club stamps and tell them how the club buys and sells stamps to its members. And when the meeting gets started introduce the guest and give the guest an opportunity to "toot their horn" about their stamp club. We don't need a Welcoming Committee. Be proud to be a member of the KPS and tell those visitors all about it. Make them feel welcome.

KPS Live Auction in October for Stamp Collecting Month

By Tom Broadhead

Now is the time for you to start combing through your leftovers and potential discards from your collection and library. Next month will be our traditional live auction at the KPS monthly meeting. Included with this newsletter is a copy of the auction lot form, and Jim Pettway has emailed it to you in Word format, which will make it easy for you to complete. Philatelic items are preferred, but if you have a vintage bottle of wine, it probably will find a buyer.

You can enter 10 lots in the auction, and all sales proceeds go to you! Be sure to keep a copy of your form and bring two more to the meeting for the auctioneers and the record keepers. This is always an enjoyable evening, typically with more than 100 lots in the auction. Don't forget your checkbook and wallet – what's another member's trash may become your new treasure!

When is a Postage Stamp not a Stamp?

By Tom Broadhead

Several years ago, I was in Memphis, helping my daughter with the 1920's vintage home she had purchased. In the attic was a box full of old paper. I was excited to dig through it looking for old covers, and found a few from the 1950's and 60's. There were also many advertising flyers and promotional pamphlets, and this one really caught my eye. What? A women's undergarment called a postage stamp? Why? Perhaps a KPS member will know more, but here is the small leaflet that was mailed to the previous home occupant.

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I searched for this on Google and found some sale listings on eBay. One described as "Used" "Very Good." The sale was for an advertisement – not the actual garment. An eBay search for "postage stamp" also showed a line of modern women's wear by the company Anthropologie.

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100 Years Ago

This year marks the centennial of two philatelically important events. One hundred years ago, the Treaty of Versailles was signed, signifying the end of the War to End All Wars. The U.S. issued a beautiful stamp (Scott 537) to commemorate the new peace – which did not even last 10 years.



Also of note, and of more lasting significance, was the birth of **Jean White Byrne**, and we are now proud to recognize Jean's 100th birthday, September 26. Jean was a very active member of KPS and was the first person in recent club history to organize and rewrite the KPS constitution, bylaws, and procedures, which she finished in the 1980's. We benefitted from her great efforts for more than 30 years.



Jean has been an active collector of US stamps and is only recently considering retiring from philately. We wish her the best and thank her for being our friend and member

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

When I was young, I collected the world. I was in a class of 20 during 4th through 6th grades where we were encouraged to collect stamps, and most of us collected and traded stamps during breaks (Have you ever traded stamps for an orange?). I started with a stapled Harris album and graduated to a 1,000-page 1963 Crown Stamp Album, adding so many pages that it expanded to two binders.

After having a career and raising a family (neither of which is ever over), I am spending more time with stamps. The first thing I realized is that I don't really want to collect the world. I thought I would limit collecting to stamps before my birth date (1951) but decided to extend it to the date of my collecting hiatus in 1976. Nevertheless, I now do not want to collect the world and, in keeping with my interest in history, my collection is limited to Europe and Latin America and their impact on this country.

Interestingly, I have not pursued U.S. issues, partly because of the complexity in differentiating early 20th century issues and the recent proliferation of stamps. All that being said, how do we interest others in stamp collecting? In my view, people are not interested in stamps because most of the mail in their box is metered and they rarely have to go to the post office to buy stamps. The solution might be topical stamps. Because my wife is a big Walt Disney fan, I put together a Disney collection, thinking it might interest her. Pictured is Republic of Maldives (Scott 827).



Never mind! I am thinking of putting together a topical collection documenting a trip my son and I took to Italy. Hopefully I will have better luck with him – he is more respectful. If not, I will have an interesting travelogue that I can look back on.

Brent Marquand

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 3, 2019

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Bob Smith noted that all KnoxPEX chairs are lined up but no one has stepped forward to replace him as chair for 2021. **Bruce Roberts**, Stamp Acquisition Committee chair, noted that KPS need not acquire more stamps at present but continues to need volunteers to work up those previously purchased. He announced two work days at his home later this week. **Tom Broadhead**, APS ambassador, noted a big show in Indianapolis Oct. 4-6. Also announced was the Oct 24-26 Confederate stamp show at APS headquarters.

The KPS auction is October 1, 2019, beginning at 7 PM. Members are urged to arrive early for correct preparation of lots and viewing of lots. Two copies of the auction form are required.

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Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, secretary

Are You Receiving KPS Emails?

by Jim Pettway

I just changed computers from Windows 7 to Windows 10 and it hasn't been a smooth transition. If anyone is not receiving emails from me about KPS business (meetings, digital KPS News, etc.). please let me know at jbpettway@comcast.net. Don't send me emails letting me know you are receiving, just if you are not.

How is "Contacts for Trading" Working?

by Jim Pettway

A few months back I compiled a list of KPS members who wanted to know the stamp/cover collecting interests of other members. The idea was by way of this list of names, interests and contact information, members could communicate with each other and discuss, swap, trade, buy or sell stamps and cover to those of like collecting interests. How is this working out for you? Let us all know with an email or article in the KPS News. If you are not on this distribution list then let me know and I'll add you. If you want to be deleted from the list let me know.

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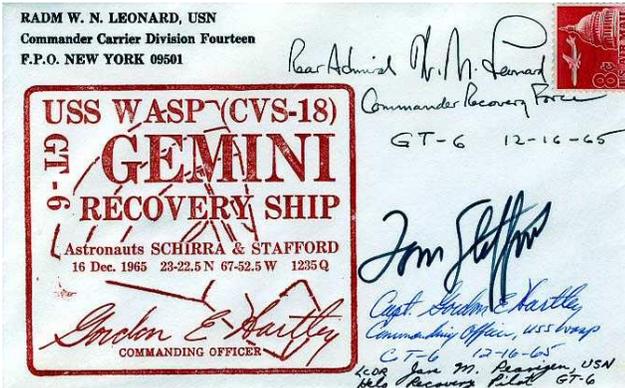
This month's stamp is the 1966 5 cent US commemorative honoring the millennium of the nation of Poland (Scott 1313. Polish history, however, was not uninterrupted, and it was partitioned in the 18th century and overrun in the 20th. These are from the KPS stock.

Collecting Space Flown Covers

By David G. Anderson

Last month I gave a program on “Space Flown Covers” and shared some of my experiences. What follows is a brief summary of what I presented, but if you want to know more, there is a wonderful web site where much of the figures and text presented here, authored by Howard C. Weinberger came from, at www.spaceflownartifacts.com/index.html. This web site gives detailed information on all the major covers flown during the Apollo program, as well as on various other space missions, including the prices realized over the years for publicly offered covers.

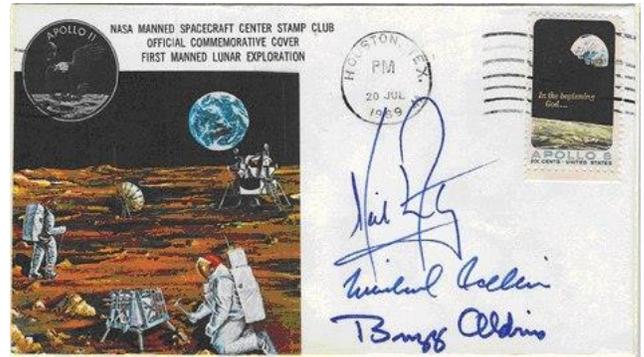
No covers were flown onboard any Mercury or Gemini mission, although it is possible to get recovery fleet covers from each ship post office, some with attractive cachets and, less commonly, signed by the ship’s officers and the astronauts (below).



Gemini-Titan 6 mission cover sign by the commander of the recovery fleet and astronaut Tom Stafford, who later orbited the moon in Apollo 10 and flew the Apollo-Soyuz mission.

No covers were flown on the early Apollo missions, but some signed recovery fleet covers exist. The first lunar landing mission, Apollo 11, was commanded by Neil Armstrong, with Buzz Aldrin as the Lunar Module Pilot, and Michael Collins the Command Model pilot who remained in lunar orbit. The crew signed about 1000 covers before the flight, and left them behind as insurance in case they did not return. The insurance covers were signed to take up all the available space in the open field on the cover while the flown covers were deliberately signed across a straight line in the middle of the cover (above right).

The crew of Apollo 11 carried 214 envelopes commemorating the mission with them to the moon, divided among the three men. The prices these have realized in 51 reported sales have ranged from \$9775 – \$93,750, with recent prices well above \$40,000. Neil Armstrong never sold his covers while alive, and only since 2018 have they started to be offered by his estate.



Insurance cover signed before the Apollo 11 mission, and postmarked the day of the landing.



Covers carried to the moon on Apollo 11 were, like the crew, delayed in quarantine, which is why they are postmarked August 11, 1969.

The scarcest Apollo cover by far is that from the Apollo 16 mission. Lunar Module Pilot Charlie Duke carried 25 covers to the lunar surface (below). The flown covers have two cancellations, one from the Kennedy Space Center on launch day April 16, 1972, the other from the day of recovery, April 27, 1972 on the recovery ship U.S.S. Ticonderoga (CVS-14). These covers have realized, over 7 public sales, \$16,800 - \$268,000, again with much higher prices on the most recent auctions.



Only 25 covers were carried to the lunar surface on the fifth landing mission, signed and certified by the mission commander Charlie Duke. Continued on page 4

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 1

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No covers were flown on the Apollo 17 mission, and they have only rarely been carried since on American flights. The astronauts were discouraged from carrying saleable memorabilia on missions once word that the Apollo 15 astronauts had carried some 400 covers to the moon, and had arranged for the sale of 100 in advance to a German stamp dealer. Save for those 100 covers, in fact, which sold quickly, the astronauts' remaining covers were confiscated by NASA. Not until 1983, when the Challenger flew some 260,000 covers in orbit, were the Apollo 15 covers returned to the crew, and from 125 public sales have realized between \$1100 - \$55,654, again with higher prices more recently.

It is possible to obtain covers from five of the six landing missions, if you are willing to pay upwards of a quarter of a million dollars for them! But how many equivalent signed documents do we have from the Nina, the Pinta, or the Santa Maria?

Harry Brooks Honored with Building at Pellissippi State Community College

by Tom Broadhead

KPS member, **Harry Brooks**, a former member of the Tennessee General Assembly, elected from Knox County, was recently honored with a building named for him at Pellissippi State Community College. Harry had been the chair of the assembly's education committee for many years.

WATE Channel 6 News reported that "Pellissippi State Community College is dedicating its new career education center for manufacturing and technology to retired state representative Harry Brooks. During his time in the legislature, Brooks championed career and technical education programs, advocating for workforce training and dual enrollment opportunities for students.

"It's an honor after your career see your name added to an educational institution," Brooks said. "Changes always occur in education and this building is designed to adapt to those changes."

Inside the new career education center, Pellissippi is opening up its expanded cyber operations and welding center Tuesday. We're told the college currently has 80 students enrolled in its cyber defense concentration, which is under the computer information technology program.

The welding program is also growing to help meet the need of skilled welders in the state of Tennessee."

Thank you, Ralph!

By Tom Broadhead

KPS's long standing cachet designer and newsletter publisher, **Ralph Dinwiddie**, is retiring from those efforts, which we have all come to love and enjoy. For several years, Ralph has been fighting stage 4 throat cancer – and continues his courageous fight. A research physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Ralph is now retiring and will no longer be able to print the KPS newsletter or cachets after this month.



Ralph and I teamed up to do the KPS newsletter in June 2005, making this issue our 173rd. For both of us, it has been a labor of love that has increased our philatelic experience, knowledge, and interest. Each month, after I compose the newsletter and send it to Ralph, he prints it and designs and prints a spectacular cachet to bring the news to you. We meet at the Walgreens on Western Avenue for him to hand me the materials to assemble and mail – we are surprised that after more than 14 years of semi-clandestine handoffs in the parking lot, we have not been questioned by the authorities.

At KnoxPEX, we have always enjoyed the great show cachets and associated pictorial postal cancels that Ralph has created.

Feel free to share your prayers and good wishes with Ralph at dinwiddierb@yahoo.com or by mail at 4623 Clairson Dr., Knoxville, TN 37931.



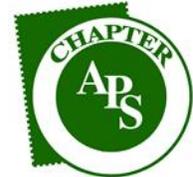
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Showtime in 2020!

It's almost 2020, and we have two great shows coming up in our local area. In reverse chronological order, these are KnoxPEX 2020 – the annual philatelic show of the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Show Chair, **Bob Smith**, has already started sharing updates and requests for volunteers. Our theme is the 100th anniversary of woman suffrage – passage of the 19th amendment to the constitution that gave women the right to vote, nationwide. Notably, Tennessee was the 36th of the 48 states to ratify, being the last required ratification for passage. Check the KPS website for updates.

Southeastern Stamp Expo – www.sefsc.org – will be in Atlanta, January 31-February 2. This year, featured societies are France & Colonies Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. ATA president **Dawn Hamman**, ATA executive director Jennifer Miller, and ATA board members **Tom Broadhead**, **Carol Costa**, and Don Neal will be at the show. Dawn and Carol are also KPS members! If you are a topical collector, you will like the focus of the ATA Hot Spot program - that will highlight several dealers that have an emphasis on topical stamp sales. Check the SESE website above for a list of dealers, the program, and special hotel rates.



A Donation and Reminiscence about the Donor

A stamp collection was recently donated to the KPS by Ibbie Ann (Jack) Muntz in memory of her father, George E. Jack, who died last year at the age of 101. Mrs. Muntz shared these words about her Dad.

Mr. Jack was a native Knoxvilleian, a 1936 graduate of Old Knoxville High School, a 41-year employee of the Bell System, a loving husband and father, an active and generous volunteer. He was named one of “The

Knoxville 200” in the 1991 Celebrate Knoxville Bicentennial Volunteer Recognition program.

“Captain Tim’s Ivory Stamp Club Album” began Mr. Jack’s stamp collecting when he was a boy. He continued the hobby throughout his life, and to his dying day, Mr. Jack was vigorously curious and eager to learn. Stamp collecting rewarded those qualities. Mrs. Muntz feels her Dad would be pleased to donate the bulk of his collection to KPS, assisting its members in appreciation and perpetuation of the hobby.

Mrs. Muntz wishes to thank Jim Pettway for his expertise and patient assistance guiding her through the process to make this donation possible.

USPS Unveils New 2020 Stamp Designs

The first announcement of stamp designs for 2020 was released last week by the USPS.

<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2019/1022-usps-unveils-2020-stamps.htm>
Particularly noteworthy is the design for the 19th Amendment centennial stamp, shown below. No issue date has been announced, yet. The US House of Representatives approved the amendment on May 21,



1919, followed by the Senate on June 4. Individual states began ratifying it soon after, and Tennessee passed it on August 18, 1920. It was certified on August 26. The Great American Stamp Show – the new name for the combined APS, ATA, AFDCS show – will be next August 20-23 in Hartford, CT. It would be great to have a

Tennessee First Day Ceremony or one at the show.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 1, 2019

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, for the regular monthly meeting and annual Stamp Collecting Month live auction.

Thomas Lane presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of September, the club had cash assets of \$17,591. There was a net cash inflow of \$2,276. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. The auction of lots began and was completed within approximately one hour.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, secretary



There was a festive mood in the room as auctioneers **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead** hammered down 80 of 145 lots to 21 successful bidders at the Stamp Collecting Month live auction. Gross sales were \$1,833, and KPS lots sold for \$256.

KPS Stamp Collecting Month on TV

KPS members Jim Pettway and Tom Broadhead taped a stamp collecting month promotion for WATE TV 6.

www.wate.com/living-east-tennessee/celebrating-one-of-the-most-popular-hobbies-in-the-world-philately

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Happy Birthday, Jean

Tom Broadhead, Thomas Lane, and Bruce Roberts attended the 100th birthday celebration of KPS member, **Jean Byrne**, and Bruce delivered the official greeting on behalf of KPS.



Tom, Thomas, and Bruce (left to right) helped Jean celebrate her 100th birthday.

Upcoming Events

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November 5 – KPS monthly meeting – program Joseph Jones – How to easily tell the US Washington/Franklin issues.

December 3 – KPS monthly meeting – program TBA, pre-meeting workshop on Exhibiting by **Tom Ringenbach**.

December 7 – KPS Holiday Lunch at Chesapeake's, 9630 Parkside Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 1895 3 cent US definitive of 1895 (Scott 268) showing a cameo profile of President Andrew Jackson. The 3 cent stamp did not pay a particular rate, but was often used to make up higher combination rates. These are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.



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Jesse Owens

By Tom Broadhead

I recently received an email for an upcoming auction by Goldin Auctions (<https://goldinauctions.com>) and was stunned to see that they are auctioning an Olympic gold medal, won by US track superstar, Jesse Owens, at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics. Owens won 4 golds then, for the 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump, and 4×100-meter relay. The auction site notes that none of the medals had the event engraved on them, and the whereabouts of two are unknown. Owens, who was born September 12,



1913 in Oakville, AL, died March 31, 1980 in Tucson, AZ. During his lifetime, he gave one of his gold medals to his friend, actor and dancer Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, and it was sold at auction recently for \$1.46 million. The medal on auction was given to fellow 1936 Olympian and weight lifter John Terpak, Sr., and the starting bid is \$250,000 at the December 6 auction.

There is much more to know and learn about Jesse Owens (www.jesseowens.com), but there are also some great philatelic souvenirs that honor this great athlete.



US stamps featuring Jesse Owens: 1990 (Scott 2496), 1998 (Scott 3185j).

Many other countries have issued stamps honoring Owens, including those of Ireland in 2000 (Scott 1217B, below left), Togo in 1984 (Scott C495 below right), and Equatorial Guinea in 1972 (Scott 72117 below).



Owens (at left) crosses the finish line in a track event.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 5, 2019

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for the regular monthly meeting. There were 31 members in attendance. President **Brent Marquand** called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Minutes from the October meeting, previously published were accepted without change.

Thomas Lane presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of October, cash assets were \$23,493. Receipts for the month were \$6798 and outgo was \$869, for a net inflow of \$5884. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Brent Marquand announced that all dealers are committed to KnoxPEX. **Thomas Lane** reported that four lots have been purchased at a recent Kelleher auction, including an early used US collection and a MNH US collection. **Lori Williams** will use four of the old frames for Childrens Museum programs. A motion was passed by the board to supplement members attendance at the holiday lunch, member cost will be \$10, guest cost will be \$15. **Jim Pettway** announced that the newsletter did go out. He is looking for a volunteer to assist with community TV announcements. He has been working with the Knoxville postmaster on local museum material. **Tom Broadhead** distributed 2020 membership renewal forms.

Adjournment at 6:30 pm.

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board Meeting – November 5, 2019

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New business: The proposed budget for 2020 was discussed and commended to the membership by motion. Contributions of \$1,575, including a \$75 contribution to the Smithsonian Institution were passed by motion. **Mike Downs** joined the meeting to discuss awards for KnoxPEX. Motion passed to allow **Lori Williams** to use four of the old frames for Childrens Museum use. Motion passed to supplement members attendance at the holiday lunch, member cost will be \$10, guest cost will be \$15.

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January 7 – KPS monthly meeting – program TBA, pre-meeting workshop TBD.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is the 3 cent US "make up rate" stamp of 1994 (Scott 2877). The Scott catalog does not describe the design, but I believe that it is a dove of peace carrying an olive branch – or possibly the bluebird of happiness. In either case, I wish you peace and happiness in 2020. These are a gift from **Tom Broadhead**.



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