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The KPS Newsletter

I enjoy working on our newsletter each month and am working on the January 2007 newsletter over the Thanksgiving weekend in November. It never fails, but that I learn something new and interesting about philately as I work on each issue.

This fall has been a great one for recognition earned by our newsletter. In August, it received a gold award in the APS Chapter Activities Committee's newsletter competition. In late November, it won a vermeil award in the philatelic literature competition at Chicagopex 2006. This fall, John Coles, Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs president said that the KPS newsletter gets the largest number of "hits" of any newsletter on the Federation's web site.



Since June 2005, the newsletter has featured nineteen (twenty counting this month) longer articles and activities written by a total of ten KPS members. Add to that the nine members who shared with us "how I got started" as a stamp collector, the many other short articles, and of course the superb cachets that Ralph Dinwiddie prepares each month to speed our newsletters to us via the USPS. It's a great venture and adventure.

What would you like to see in the newsletter in 2007? I hope that all members will become involved by contributing articles or interesting items that they received in the mail. Contact me by e-mail at tomwb50@aol.com, or send information to me by mail at the KPS post office box.

Tom Broadhead

In the News

Three philatelic articles and announcements by KPS members have appeared recently. The December issue of *American Philatelist* (p. 1090-1092) features a letter by Tony Torres concerning his research on chemicals to remove paper acidity and related brown marks on stamps and covers. Tom Broadhead had a research article published in the October *France & Colonies Philatelist* (p. 75-78) featuring the "Architecture" issue of the 1925 Paris Decorative Arts Exposition. Bruce Roberts has been tapped to be the Arkansas editor for the Confederate Stamp Alliance's new catalog, due out in 2010. For more information contact Bruce or visit www.csacatalog.org/section.htm.

Loss of a Friend

Mac Starnes, a long-time dealer at Knoxpex and resident of Lexington, Kentucky, died in November, 2006. Mac and his wife typically had a large center booth at KPS shows in the 1990's and were good friends of KPS members.

Ebay Treasure

Happy New Year! This month's treasure is a set of stamps from the Republic of China (Taiwan) commemorating the Chinese calendar's Year of the Rooster in 1968 (Scott 1588-1589). These beautiful stamps have a catalog value of about \$45, and one set sold in November for \$31.99 with 13 bids. This pair sold on December 10 for \$31.88



with 10 bids. The most recent Year of the Rooster was 2005; the new Year of the Pig begins on February 18, 2007.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 5, 2006

The December 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was the traditional KPS holiday celebration at Ramsey's Cafeteria. Fourteen (14) members and guests were present.

Following the delicious buffet, we had a brief recap of KPS achievements and events in 2006 and then moved on to the gift exchange. There was a nice mixture of philatelic and non-philatelic gifts, with many including some beautiful mint US stamps.



Jim Pettway liked his cd and fdc, and Betty Anne Logan enjoyed her set of 2001 US commemoratives.



Everyone enjoyed watching the gift exchange.

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Dues are Due!

Now is the time to renew your membership in KPS. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the membership renewal form. Please mail it to the KPS or bring it along with your annual dues payment of \$10.00 to the January or February meeting. Don't be late renewing – you don't want to miss upcoming newsletters and cachets!

5th Tuesday Meeting – January 30

Sharpen your philatelic shopping skills for the APS Circuit Sales Books, which will be available for viewing and purchases at 7:00 pm on the January 30 fifth Tuesday meeting and the regular KPS meeting on February 6.

KPS Board Meeting – Knoxpex Planning

All members are invited to attend the KPS Board meeting at 6:00 on January 30. This will be a critical planning meeting for Knoxpex 2007.

Knoxpex Auction

Knoxpex offers a great opportunity for you to sell no longer wanted stamps and covers at the live auction. Complete the enclosed auction lot form – don't be late, or your lots may have to wait a year to be sold. **The form must be received in the KPS mailbox not later than February 15.** Please note that all auction lots must be delivered by 9:00 am at the Quality Inn for numbering and display on Saturday, March 3.

Knoxpex Exhibits

If Bruce Roberts's talks on exhibiting have inspired you to display your philatelic exhibit at Knoxpex 2007, please contact Bruce for details. Exhibits ranging from one page to several frames are welcome. Use this as an opportunity to "tell the story" of a favorite part of your collection. There are no frame fees – but it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Give Bruce a call at home at 865-219-7884 or by e-mail at: broberts@kcdc.org.

Stamp of the Month – by Charlie Wade

The January stamp of the month is an Australian commemorative from the "pence" denominated time period – pre 1966. Issued in 1958, the four pence stamp commemorated the 75th anniversary of the famous Broken Hill Mine in New South Wales. Broken Hill is one of the largest ore bodies of lead, zinc, and silver in the world,



measuring more than 7 kilometers long and up to 220 meters wide. These beautiful mint examples are from my recent trip down under.

THE PAN AM AIRMAIL TEST, NOVEMBER 1, 1946

By Bruce Roberts

In 1946, the US Postal Service reduced the cost of air mailing 0.5 oz letters to the Caribbean Islands, Central and South America to a uniform 10 cents. Before this, rates to the various countries varied from 10 cents up to 55 cents. Pan American Airways (Pan Am) held the foreign air mail contracts (FAM) to fly mail from the US to all the countries in this part of the western hemisphere. To publicize their service and to celebrate the reduction in rates, Pan Am ran a “publicity stunt” that produced some spectacular covers.

The following were the specifics of the test. (1) The covers had to have 10 cents postage applied, and had to be mailed so as to be post marked November 1, 1946. (2) They had to have a complete return address. (3) The covers were addressed to “Pan American World Airways Air Mail Test” and to a target city in one of the test countries. The covers were mailed on the FAM routes to the countries, and were back stamped on arrival in the target city. The example shown here was sent to Asuncion, Paraguay.



The receiving mark on the back of this cover indicates that it did not arrive in Paraguay until November 11, whereas most covers were delivered in 4 days or less. Once the cover was received, the local Pan Am agent crossed out the Pan Am address, applied the appropriate return postage to the U.S. and marked the cover “Return to Sender.” Note that the postmark on the Paraguayan stamps on the front is also dated November 11. The cover was then returned to the mailer, with proof of the speed with which Pan Am could deliver airmail, and with some nice stamps for the mailer’s collection.



For the postal history or airmail collector, this “air mail test” presents a challenge that can provide pleasant collecting without spending a lot of money. There were 28 official target cities, and at least 5 “unofficial” cities, including Havana and Mexico City, are also known. Completing a collection of all possible destinations, plus some interesting postage combinations can be done for about \$200, but takes some time and effort. Good Hunting!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 2

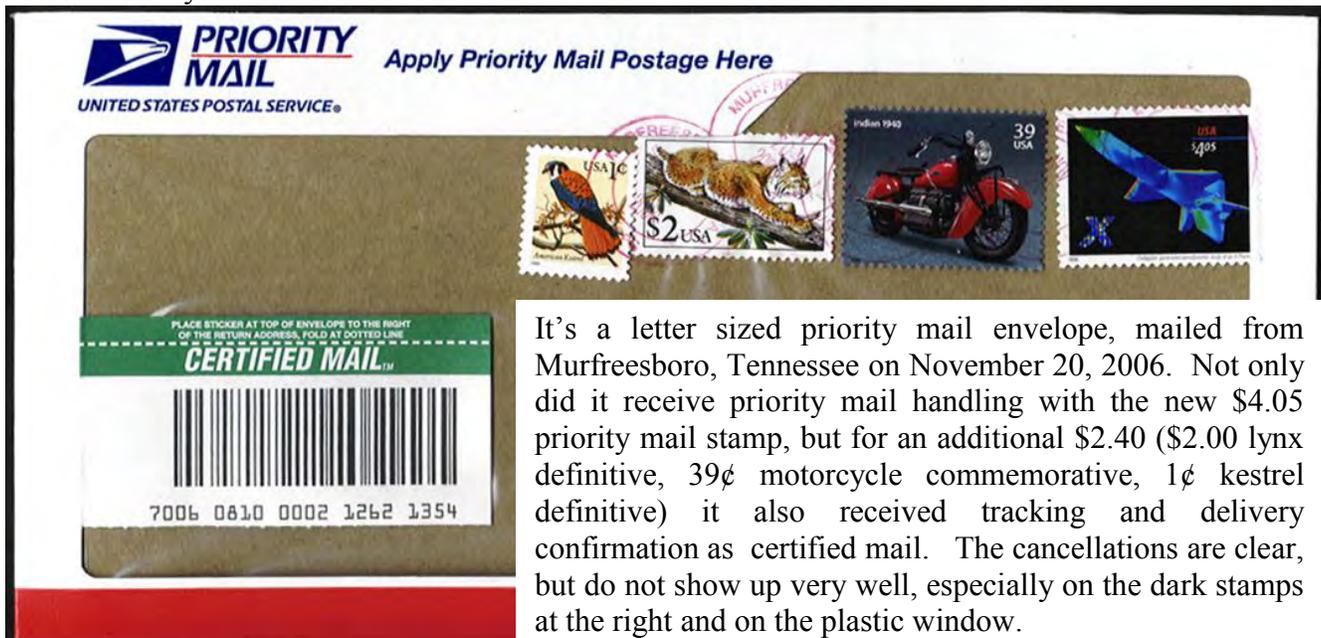
The Bourse (part 1) – by Tom Broadhead

“Bourse” is the term that we use to describe the retail sales room at Knoxpex and at other stamp shows. The word is French, and specifically describes a stock exchange. The Paris stock exchange is known as La Bourse, and it is located at Place de la Bourse. The term bourse, however, has been used for more than 100 years to describe a place where stamps are bought, sold, or exchanged. The post card at left shows the Paris stamp bourse in 1860. Imagine how relatively easy it would have been then to be a worldwide collector, and a nice mint collection of stamps of that time would be worth astronomical amounts today.



Something New in My Mail – a new feature!

Have you recently received a card or cover in the mail that you think is interesting and worth sharing with other KPS members? Here is your chance! Whether it was a cover addressed to you or a cover or stamp that you received from a dealer or auction, please submit it for inclusion in a 2007 issue of the KPS newsletter. Just e-mail a scan (150 dpi) of the item, plus a brief description of what it is and why you think that it is interesting to Tom Broadhead – tomwb50@aol.com. Here is one that I received recently.



It's a letter sized priority mail envelope, mailed from Murfreesboro, Tennessee on November 20, 2006. Not only did it receive priority mail handling with the new \$4.05 priority mail stamp, but for an additional \$2.40 (\$2.00 lynx definitive, 39¢ motorcycle commemorative, 1¢ kestrel definitive) it also received tracking and delivery confirmation as certified mail. The cancellations are clear, but do not show up very well, especially on the dark stamps at the right and on the plastic window.

I like it because it shows two special rates that were paid with some very attractive stamps. *Tom*

Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, February 6

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Knoxplex 2007!

This will be the last newsletter before Knoxplex 2007, the annual stamp show and exhibition conducted by the Knoxville Philatelic Society. It never fails to be a great event, and I hope that all KPS members will support the show through their volunteer work, by attending the show, shopping with our dealers, bidding at the live auction, and viewing the exhibits.

The Budget Inn continues to be a comfortable home for Knoxplex the last few years. As is often the case for events by small, nonprofit organizations, Knoxplex has been held at many places around Knoxville. My first show was at an outlet mall in West Knoxville, and my first exhibit was at a show in the open area of West Town Mall. More recently, we have held Knoxplex at local area hotels, but many of us may remember the show in North Knoxville at a small conference center, where we had to share part of the hall with a very noisy group, selling (and demonstrating) sound equipment.

In the month between the time you get this newsletter and the afternoon of March 2, when we will be setting up exhibit frames and helping dealers move into the show room, there is a lot that each of us can do to promote our show and our hobby. Call your friends and tell them about the historical importance of stamps and of the Jamestown voyage. Talk to your favorite local businesses, and ask if they will post one of our advertising flyers. Let's all make Knoxplex a success!

But don't let Knoxplex 2007 be the end of your March philatelic activities. The Nashville Philatelic Society's annual show is the following weekend, March 10-11. It will be held at the Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive and will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Nashville.

Tom Broadhead

Will All Plate Numbers Now Just be 1's?

An article by Jay Bigalke (p. 8) and commentary by Michael Schreiber (p. 3), published in the January 8 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, describe the plans by the USPS to use only the numeral "1" in future plate number markings. Schreiber states that plate numbers have been used, especially by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, to account for specific printing plates, beginning with No. 1 in 1894. He further tells how the oversize plate blocks of the 1970s curtailed interest in plate block collecting, but that the later addition of plate numbers to coil stamps rekindled an interest in that area of collecting. Today, some plate numbers on the transportation coil series are rare and command high prices in mint strips of 3 or 5. With stamps now printed by private companies, who are not required to account for individual printing plates, it appears as though plate numbers will be reduced to a decorative component in the selvage of panes and the margins of coils – and all will be reduced to one or more 1's.

EBay Treasure

One of the truly beautiful definitive sets of US stamps was the two-color pictorial issue of 1901 showing then current forms of transportation. Three of these showed ships, and the example of the 8¢ shown here is a spectacularly well centered stamp showing a ship passing through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. This gem has full original gum, mint, unhinged – and a catalog value of \$275 without consideration of its centering. It was offered for sale on January 2 with a minimum bid of \$20 and sold on January 8 for \$192.50. There were 19 bids on this great stamp, with three bids in the final minute.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 2, 2007

The January 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 231 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Fourteen (14) members were present.

Prior to the meeting, Bruce Roberts met with members who will be exhibiting at Knoxpex. The meeting began with Barry Van Winkle's continuation of his presentation of Texas postal history, including the Texas-Tennessee connection. The Cartwright family business dealings in East Texas resulted in a business correspondence archive of approximately half a million covers. Four Cartwright sons fought in the civil war and were educated at Tennessee colleges. Barry also showed more of his collection of stampless covers.

Mike Kauffman called the business meeting to order at 8:07. Minutes from the November meeting and Richard Ehrlich's treasurer's report were accepted. Eight Knoxpex dealers have paid to date, and Richard reminded members that now is the time to pay their \$10 annual KPS dues.

Knoxpex bourse chair, Mike Kauffman, reported that 9 of 13 dealers are firmly committed. Exhibits chair, Bruce Roberts solicited exhibitors to show one page, half frame, one frame, or multiple frame exhibits.

Show Chair, Gerald Schroedl, raised several topics related to Knoxpex. Members voted to purchase a new banner and stencils to make sign boards. Members were asked to bring in the metal sign brackets from recent political campaign signs. Tom Copas will contact the hotel regarding publicity on the marquee and renting of extra tables. Tom Broadhead is working on a flyer and

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promotional postcard. Ralph Dinwiddie is designing the cachet. There will be a hospitality table for dealers and volunteers. Mike Kauffman will send a copy of the auction lot form to all dealers, to be returned to Gerald by February 15. All club members are asked to bring their auction lot form to the February KPS meeting. It was decided that youth/beginner activities will primarily be the string pull and large box of stamps. Each dealer will be asked to donate a door prize, and these will be awarded each hour. Gerald is looking for volunteers for Friday night set-up, Saturday and Sunday greeters at the entrance, help with the string pull, Saturday night live auction, and Sunday breakdown at 4 pm. A special KPS meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, to prepare postcards for mailing.

Bruce Roberts is looking for scans of Confederate covers of any kind for the Confederate Stamp Alliance's catalog. Color is preferred. Jim Pettway presented information about the candidates for APS office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Submitted by,
Pat Goebel, Secretary

New Internet Company Offers a Free C3a

StampWants.com, a new internet stamp auction company is giving away an example of the inverted Jenny airmail – C3a! The stamp is position 30 from the only known pane of 100, but has no gum and has a straight-edge at the right that almost touches the design. Still, the company values this copy at \$150,000. To be eligible to win, you must sign up for an account at www.stampwants.com. Then you can enter the promotion once a day until it closes on December 31, 2007. That's still almost 330 chances! There is no obligation to purchase or bid on the web site.

Philatelic sales seem to be increasingly internet-driven, and some retail dealers are now going exclusively to the internet, where they have access to a much larger client base, including international buyers.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp features an exploration and discovery just a few decades after the founding of Jamestown. South Africa issued a set of definitive stamps in 1926, and the one penny value features Dutch explorer, Jan van Riebeeck's ship, *Drommedarius*. Van Riebeeck and his crew founded Cape Town in April, 1652. All stamps in the set were issued in se-tenant pairs, one inscribed in English, and the other in the Dutch-based language, Afrikaans. This month's stamp is Scott 24b, the Afrikaans version. These stamps are a gift from Nicole Gamble.



European Discovery & Colonization of North America – a Philatelic View

By Tom Broadhead

As we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement this year, let's take a philatelic look at early visits by Europeans to the North American continent. At the time of the Norse-American centennial celebration in 1925, which honored Norwegian immigrants, evidence had yet to be discovered of the voyages of Leif Erikson and colonies established by the Norse in present day Canada. Nonetheless, the longboat depicted on the 5¢ stamp is representative of Viking ships that came to North America from Greenland around the year 1001.



Most of us learned that it was Christopher Columbus – almost 500 years later in 1492 – who brought the first European discoverers to the new world. The beautiful Columbian issue of 1892 commemorated his voyages in one of the most famous US commemorative sets. However, Columbus reached many islands in the Caribbean, but never the North American mainland. Columbus's first voyage included the three ships, Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria – similar in number and not too different in size from the Jamestown settlers' ships.



Nearly 100 years later, several voyages by Sir Walter Raleigh (shown below at right by a British stamp) reached the shores of North America, and his 1584 expedition was the one in which the newly explored territory along the coast was named "Virginia," in honor of Queen Elizabeth I, the virgin queen. In 1587 Raleigh sent a group to Virginia with John White as governor, and White's granddaughter, Virginia Dare, was born there on August 18, 1587. She was the first English settler to be born in the New World, and the 350th anniversary of her birth was commemorated by the US stamp shown at left. White returned to England for three years, but upon returning found no trace of the settlers.



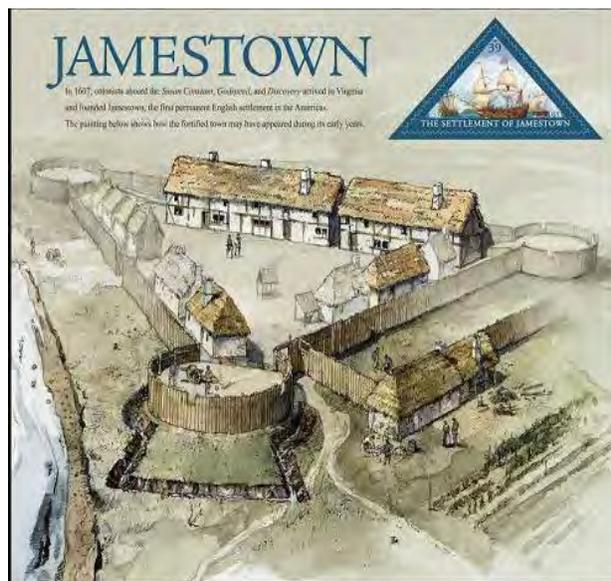
Then, on December 20, 1606, three ships, the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed*, and *Discovery*, set sail from England to make another attempt at establishing a permanent colony in the New World. With lengthy delays at sea and a March 1607 visit to several Caribbean islands, land was sighted on the Virginia coast on April 26, finally landing at the site of Jamestown on May 14. Thus began what later became an overwhelmingly English domination of North America. The US stamps issued in 1907 are familiar to many collectors, and the spectacular souvenir sheet to be issued this spring (below at right) shows an artist's interpretation of the original fort and settlement, with a triangular stamp showing the three ships.



Long thought to have completely eroded into the James River, nearly two thirds of the original site of the triangular fort remains on the island and is being actively excavated.

We took a family vacation to Virginia a few years ago, and Jamestown was the most interesting place for me.

Don't forget to attend Knoxpex 2007 – March 3-4 – to celebrate the voyage of the Jamestown settlers.



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The Bourse (part 2) – by Tom Broadhead

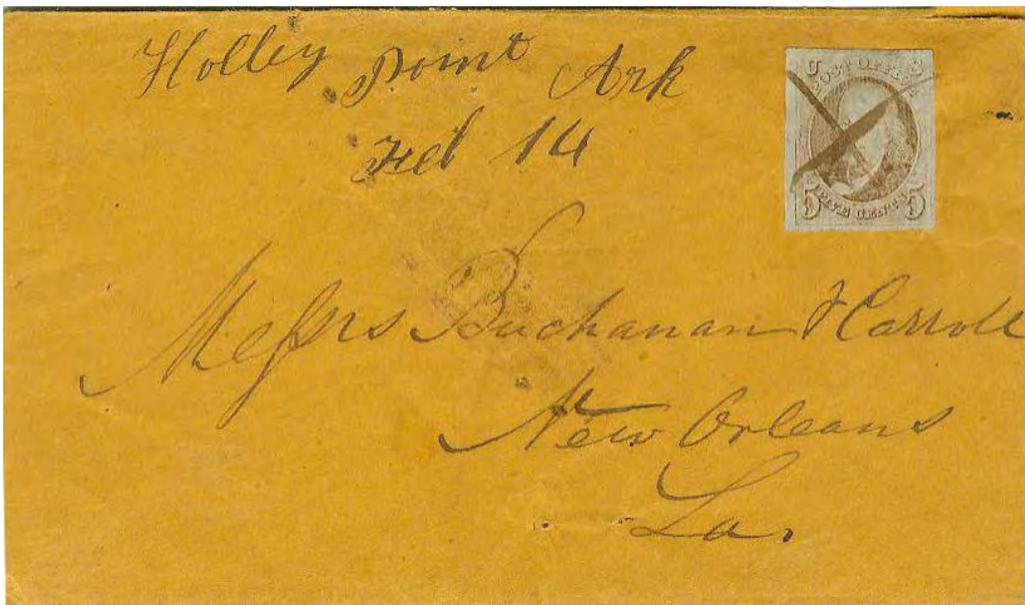
Stamp shows trace their origins to the end of the nineteenth centuries, but some early shows were exhibitions without a bourse of dealers. In the twentieth century, the bourse became a standard part of a show, and now many who attend a show do not even take time to view the exhibits. The Paris open air bourse has existed for more than 100 years, and today is open Thursday through Saturday each week. In the postcard at right, which was mailed in 1913, tables and chairs were used to display albums and pages, but today, protected booths are the standard. Stay tuned to next month's picture of a modern open air stamp bourse.



“At the stamp market – the stands”

Something New in My Mail – by Bruce Roberts

This is arguably one of the 4-5 most important pieces of Arkansas postal history. I purchased this cover in Robert Siegel's 927th sale last month, but I have been aware of it for over 30 years. It has a copy of the 5 cent Red Brown, US issue of 1847 (US #1) and was mailed from the little town of Holly Point, Arkansas on the southeast border with Louisiana. The stamp is just tied to the envelope by one arm of the pen cancel and it has a 1990 Philatelic Foundation certificate. The date on the cover is February 14, and notations on the back indicate it was mailed in 1851, the year Holly Point became a Post Office. This cover is the only reported use of US #1 on a cover originating within the State of Arkansas! Two other covers exist with 5 cent 1847 usages with “Ark” in their town names, but both – Doaksville and Eagletown – were in Indian Territory, administered by the state



of Arkansas. The cover from Eagletown was purchased in 1994 by the National Postal Museum, leaving only my cover and another in private hands.

This prized cover was shipped to me in a FedEx letter mailer – no postage and no contact with the post office!

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What's Next?

By the time you receive this newsletter, Knoxpex 2007 will be in progress or just finished. This year, we have been a bit more ambitious than in the past, with a custom photo stamp instead of the usual postage and new signage to promote the show. We will have some great dealers, exhibits and newsletter displays to help encourage visitors to join the KPS.

Attracting new members is always a challenge, and we have been very fortunate to have several in the last year who have found us. Year after year we have talked about ways to attract young collectors. The hobby that many of us enjoyed as children does not have the attraction for most of today's youth, who have the "benefit" of dozens of television channels plus the internet from which to learn about people, cultures, society, art, and geography.

Last fall, I contacted the American Philatelic Society about the scouting collecting merit badge, and I have been picking up youth-related literature at shows over the last year. I would like us to look forward to this summer, when some of our schedules are a little lighter and students have more free time to hold at least one, if not two "Stamp Camps." One of those could be specifically for boy and girl scouts. The other could be for collectors of all ages.

Perhaps we can devote a KPS meeting to brainstorming these ideas. As KPS has taken a lead in the southeast in many aspects of its programming, shows, and newsletter, maybe we can develop a solid educational program to help new collectors with the basics of our hobby and get them hooked on the many fascinating aspects of philately. Let's put our heads together and do something to perpetuate the hobby.

Tom Broadhead

KPS Members Win Awards at Shows

Last month, Tom Broadhead spent a warm weekend in Riverside, California at the American Philatelic Society's winter show, *AmeriStamp Expo* and won a gold award for "Balloon Cards of the Franco-German War – 1870-1871" and a vermeil award for "Paris 1925: The Exposition Internationale de Timbre-Poste." Southeast Federation of Stamp Club member Dave Hill's (Atlanta) "The Iceland Flight of the Graf Zeppelin," was in the Most Popular Champion of Champions competition. Jim Cate (Chattanooga), who exhibited at Knoxpex last year, had "General Banks Division – Civil War Union Army Field Cancellations 1861-1862" in the Single Frame Champion of Champions and "Chattanooga Straight-Line Cancellations – Union Army – 1863-1864, which won a vermeil in the open competition.

Bruce Roberts had two exhibits at the Birmingham show, winning gold for his Pan American Test Flight and gold and grand award for his 1869 series usages to and from Arkansas and Indian Territory.

Ebay Treasure

This month's treasure is a set of German stamps (Scott B318-319) commemorating the 1951 German national philatelic exposition in Wuppertal. As is true of many of the German early post-war semipostals, these are valued



higher used than unused. The nice unused pair sold for about 25% of catalog for \$12.50 with 6 bids, ending February 12.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – February 6, 2007

The February 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 231 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Fourteen (14) members were present.

President Mike Kauffman opened the business meeting at 7:30 pm. The final plans for Knoxpex 2007 were discussed. Show Chair Gerald Schroedl passed around a sign-up list for volunteers to help with the show. He reminded members to have their auction forms to him by February 15 and the actual lots in by 9 am Saturday at Knoxpex. Gerald collected the political sign frames and has the plastic panels and stencils to spray paint for signs advertising the show. Tom Broadhead has prepared press releases. Ralph Dinwiddie and Tom brought flyers to post, and Ralph showed the cachet design. Jim Pettway brought examples of the ASDA beginners' stamp album, which have been ordered for the youth and beginners' area. Mike Kauffman has arranged for 12 dealers and is working on obtaining a thirteenth for the bourse. In place of a program at the meeting, members pitched in to put address labels and stamps on postcards and fold and stuff press releases to mail two weeks before the show.

There will be a special KPS meeting at the church at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 20. Final details for Knoxpex 2007 will be discussed and completed. Members interested in volunteering at the show are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by,
Pat Goebel, Secretary

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting January 30, 2007

The fifth Tuesday KPS Board Meeting was called to order by President Mike Kauffman at 6:15 pm at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 231 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Ten (10) members were present.

The meeting was turned over to Knoxpex Show Chair Gerald Schroedl. A new banner has been ordered and the old one repaired. Tom Copas will arrange for extra tables and advertising on the hotel's marquee. Gerald will make small plastic signs for roadside display. Tom Broadhead is in charge of publicity. Ads have been running in *American Philatelist* and *Linn's* – both in print and online. Ralph Dinwiddie will design and produce the cachet. KPS will pay a UT graphic design student for the stamp design.

Postcards will be addressed at the regular meeting. An auction form was included in the January newsletter, and members wanting to sell at the Knoxpex auction must have the completed form to Gerald by February 15. Tom Broadhead brought nineteen lots of books from the KPS library to be sold at the auction, and his proposal was approved. Mike has 12 dealers for the bourse and auction forms from some. Bruce Roberts announced that he had 3 exhibits lined up. Tom Broadhead and Jim Pettway will have the string pull and stamps for young and beginning collectors. A donation of post office books of stamps by the year was made for the youth table.

Jim Pettway suggested contributing 20% of the profits from Knoxpex to the APS. This proposal was tabled until after show finances are final.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 and members then had the opportunity to shop from the APS Circuit books.

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Stamp of the Month

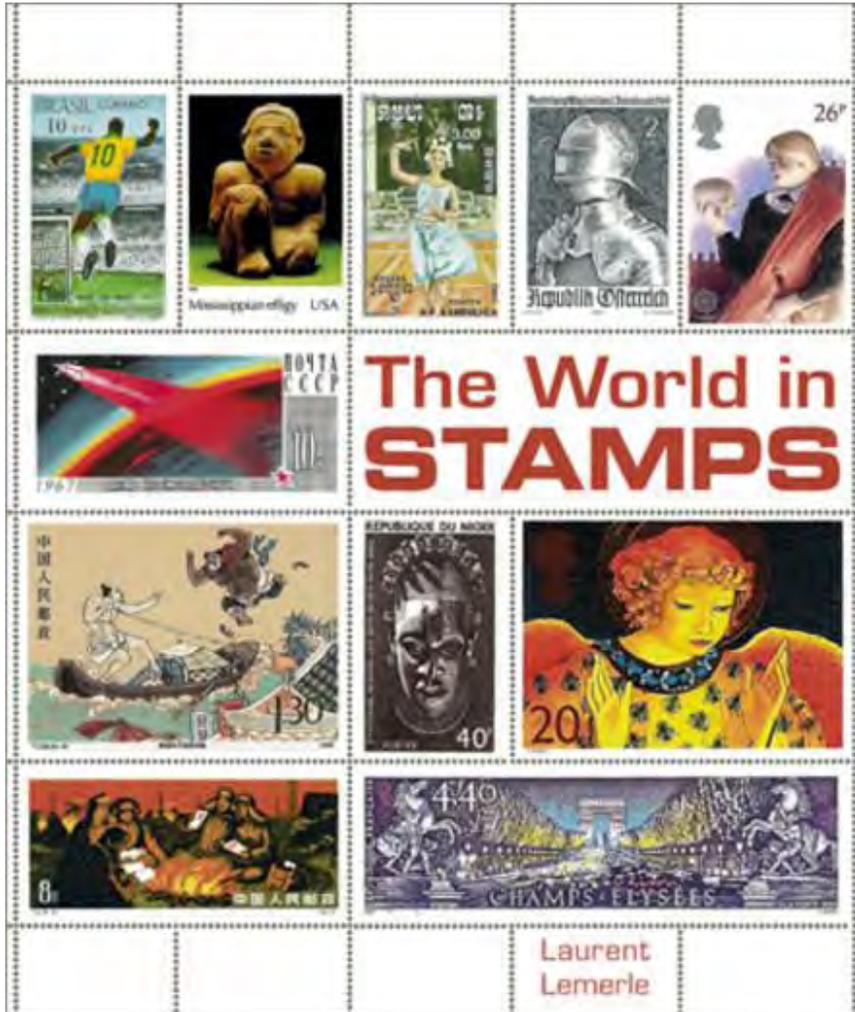
This month's stamp features one of the twentieth century's longest reigning monarchs, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. She was the second of three successive queens to rule the low countries, preceded by her mother Wilhelmina and succeeded by her daughter, Beatrix, the current queen. Both Wilhelmina and Juliana abdicated in



their later years in favor of their younger daughters. This is the 10 cent value, Scott 308, from the definitive set issued in 1949. These stamps are a gift from Nicole Gamble.

The World in Stamps – a New Illustrated Book

By Tom Broadhead



Usually I only buy philatelic books that are related to my area of collecting – the postal history of France. But when I saw the cover of this volume illustrated in the *Philatelic Literature Review*, the quarterly publication of the American Philatelic Research Library, something about it just jumped out at me.

There on the top row of illustrations on the cover, second from the left was the pre-Columbian sculpture, a Mississippian period effigy, from the “Art of the American Indian” U.S. stamp series. The actual sculpture is housed at the Frank H. McClung campus at The University of Tennessee, and the sandstone sculpture is affectionately known as “Sandy.” It was one thing to have this local celebrity on a stamp, and yet another to see him on the cover of a book

written by a Frenchman, Laurent Lemerle and originally published in French in 2005. The English translation was published in 2006. This is an exquisitely colorful, large book, with 255 pages of beautiful images of stamps. Stamps are grouped by eight topics: “A History of Mankind,” “Man’s Habitat,” “Beliefs and Customs,” “Art and Culture,” “Discoveries, Inventions, and Manufacturing,” “Society,” “Competitive Sports,” and “Nature.” Within each category, there are subgroups, such as “Prehistoric Man,” “Parks, Gardens, and Fountains,” “The Circus and Children’s Literature,” and “The Summer Olympics.” The contents of the book reveal that it contains illustrations of 3,581 stamps from 208 different countries, and most come from the author’s personal collection. The largest from any country are the 261 examples of U.S. stamps, followed by 228 from France and smaller numbers from other countries.

I immediately searched for this book on the internet and found it available at Amazon.com. At \$35.00 list price, I thought that it was not cheap, but probably a worthwhile value. When I went to the Amazon website, though, I found that it was being sold for \$26.60, and under the right circumstances also with free shipping! On February 14, that price was still listed, but also indicated was the availability of 59 copies at prices as low as \$10.50.

If you want to have a beautiful coffee table book to entice your friends and family to our hobby, buy this one. I admit that my single disappointment was that “Sandy” only appeared on the cover.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 6

The Bourse (part 3) – by Tom Broadhead

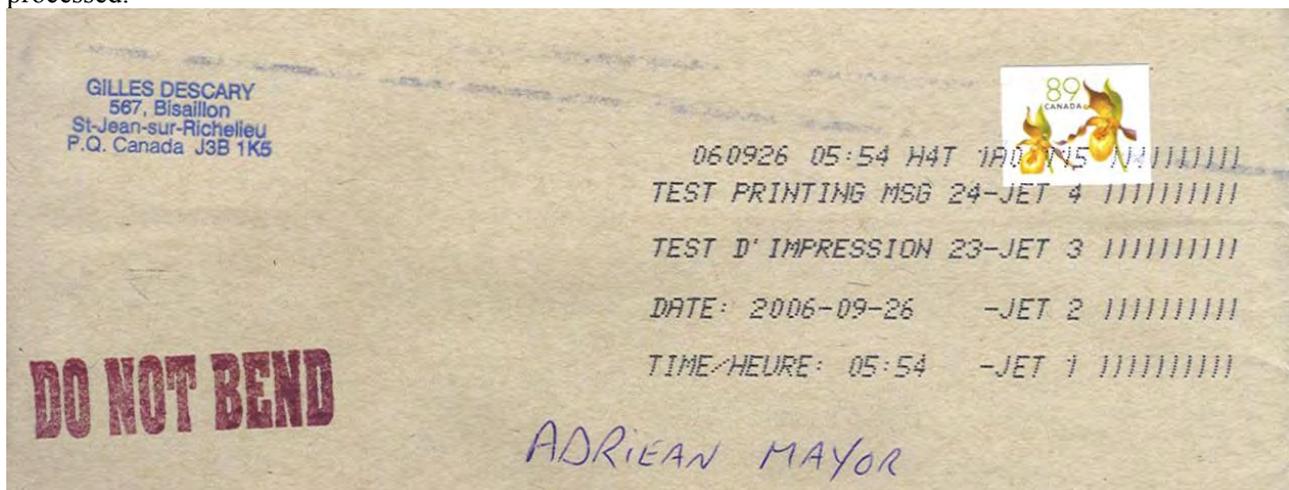
The Paris open air stamp bourse has evolved a lot since the early 20th century. When I visited it five years ago, there were about thirty stalls, partly protected with corrugated roofs and rain flaps at the sides. I was there on a nice sunny summer day, without a breeze, so shopping was enjoyable. A couple of dealers had retail stores that I had visited earlier in the week, and one of them remembered me and directed me to a dealer who had more of what I wanted. This bourse is so famous that it is shown in a life-size recreation of a stall at the French postal museum, the Musée de La Poste.



If you are a film buff, you may remember that in the movie *Charade* the “treasure” over which people are being killed is a group of very rare stamps. Heroine Audrey Hepburn gives them to her nephew, who trades them for inexpensive stamps at the Paris open air bourse. When she realizes what has happened, she goes to the dealer who made the trade, and is able to recover them. Be sure to rent this great film soon.

Something New in My Mail – by Adrieen Mayor

Sometimes a cover has multiple philatelic importance. This photographically cropped kraft envelope contained some stamps I bought from a dealer in Quebec, Canada. The envelope itself is interesting, mailed with an 89 cent Canadian self-adhesive stamp showing Lady Slippers – a type of native North American orchid. The 89 cent airmail rate from Canada to the US pays for a letter weighing not more than one ounce. A particularly interesting aspect of this cover is the inkjet sprayed cancel. With a bilingual English/French text, it shows on the top and lowest two lines that it was cancelled at 5:54 on September 26, 2006. The second and third line indicate that this might be an experimental cancel – “TEST PRINTING” and “TEST D’IMPRESSION.” JET 1, 2, 3, 4, and possibly 5 at the top may represent tests of specific nozzles used to spray on the cancellation. Note that the top line does not give a city name, but does indicate a postal code – H4T 1A0, where this envelope was processed.



Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, April 3

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Knoxpex 2007 revisited



The *HMS Susan Constant* set sail in March 2007 for Knoxpex and the New World, thanks to the artistry of UT student Staci Rowilson.

By all measures, Knoxpex 2007 was a great success. We had better signage than ever before, and some area newspapers also mentioned us in their online editions. We had a great variety of dealers, as usual, and welcomed some new ones. Exhibit frames were full of some really spectacular material, the beginners area had a prominent place, and the auction was lively.

Registered attendees numbered 149, including 34 first time visitors, 11 youth, and 36 KPS members – numbers that are similar to those last year. We had several new members sign up, and we look forward to seeing them at future KPS meetings.

Now is the time to start thinking about a Knoxpex 2008 theme!

Tom Broadhead

Knoxpex features first KPS Photo Stamp

Last fall when the KPS membership voted to make the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown our theme for Knoxpex 2007, we were faced with a problem – what stamps to use on our show cachet. The 1907 Jamestown 300th Anniversary was far too expensive, even to properly frank a single envelope!

Taking the lead from the Southeastern Stamp Show last fall, we decided to produce a custom-designed photo stamp. University of Tennessee graphic design major, Staci Rowilson, produced a remarkable image (shown at left), based upon a color photo of the modern reconstruction of the Jamestown voyage flagship, the *HMS Susan Constant*. Then it was only a matter of submitting the image electronically to *Stamps.com*, which produced seven sheets of twenty stamps for us. Staci received one sheet, one was sold at Knoxpex, four were used on our cachets, and individual stamps were sold from the remaining sheet.

If you didn't make it to Knoxpex, you can still purchase at KPS meetings or by mail the individual stamps for \$1.50 each and the complete cachet with stamp and Knoxpex 2007 cancel for \$3.00. At last count, there were only about ten stamps and 20 cachets left.

Ebay Treasure

This month's treasure commemorates the new chapter of the Precancel Society, which Stu Hanlein has organized.



The stamp is an early precancel on the 1894 U.S. Bureau 1cent blue. Decorah, Iowa is a small city in the northeast corner of the state.

It sold on March 7, with nine bids ending at \$79.75 – and the last bid was placed with only seven seconds left in the auction!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 6, 2007

The March 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 231 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Twelve (12) members were present.

Mike Kauffman gave a presentation on topicals. He discussed how easy it is to put together a topical collection of just one stamp from every country, one of every animal, etc. He noted it is a wonderful way to learn geography and a great learning tool for children.

Mike Kauffman opened the business meeting at 7:45 pm. January minutes were approved. New officers will be nominated next month. Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer's report. A complete report of the finances of Knoxpex will be presented next month. He said we had four new members join the club at Knoxpex. Mike requested 12 Knoxpex caches for mailing with a thank you letter to all the dealers. Mike thanked Ralph Dinwiddie for the wonderful cache design, Jim Pettway for his emails keeping everyone informed, Bruce Roberts for all his help the past few months with exhibits, Gerald Schroedl for again managing the show, and Bill Muenzer for helping with dealer set-up on Friday night, and all the other members who helped to make the show a wonderful success. Mike said the dealers gave very good feedback. It was a good show with over 150 in attendance.

For the new Precancel club meeting on Saturday afternoon there were ten in attendance. Stu Hanlein said they came from Kentucky and South Carolina as well as locally.

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Bill Muenzer requested that the club participate in his bourse in August. A discussion was held among members, and it was decided it would be too difficult for the club to concentrate on more than one show per year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by,
Pat Goebel, Secretary

Fifth Tuesday Meeting in May

Don't forget that next month there will be two KPS meetings – May 1 and May 29. The Fifth Tuesday meeting includes a KPS board meeting, to which all members are invited. After the board meeting, it's swap and shop time, and the highlight is always the American Philatelic Society's Circuit Sales Books. Our APS representative, Jim Pettway coordinates this program, which allows KPS members to shop from dozens of books loaded with stamps and covers. It's like having a mini stamp show every three months or so. If you can't make the May 29 meeting for a first look at the circuit books, they will also be available for viewing and purchases at the regular KPS meeting on June 5.

2008 APS Winter Show in Charlotte

AmeriStamp Expo, the American Philatelic Society's winter show will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College St. in Charlotte North Carolina. Dates for the show are March 7-9, 2008 – the weekend following Knoxpex 2008.

The principal focus of AmeriStamp Expo is single frame exhibits, and this always guarantees an amazing variety of exhibits – each neatly packaged in 16 pages. Here is the big opportunity for KPS members to show some of the great exhibits that have appeared the last two years at Knoxpex. Let's start thinking about getting a group to go to the show.

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a U.S. commemorative issued for the 1992 summer Olympics. Baseball was introduced as an Olympic sport on a trial basis, and the 1996 Olympic baseball games were played in the old Atlanta Braves stadium. Our stamp of the month, Scott 2618, was issued



in February 1992, four months before the regular summer Olympic issues. These stamps are a gift from Nicole Gamble.

Knoxpex 2007 – A Really Big Show!

By Tom Broadhead

This month's article is a Knoxpex 2007 retrospective. Thanks go to Jim Pettway and Gerald Schroedl for the photos.



Pat Goebel was busy at registration.



Dealers in the bourse did a brisk business, especially Saturday.



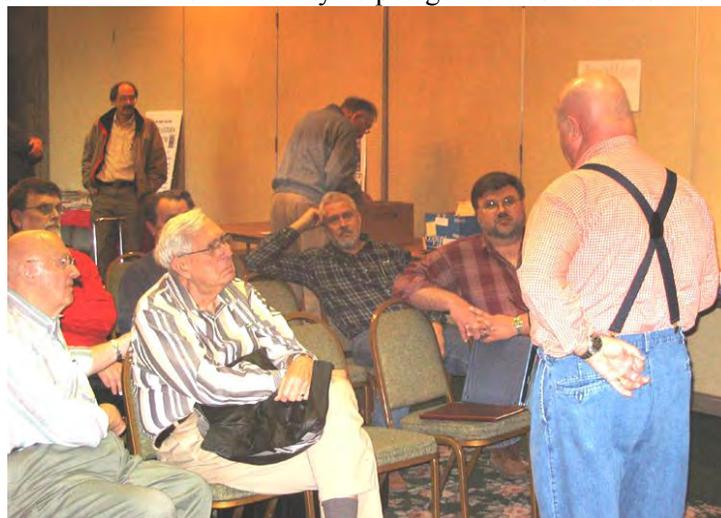
The beginners area had activities for young and old.



Jim Pettway helped get new collectors started.



Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts hammered down more than 100 lots at the auction.



Stu Hanlein held the organizational meeting for the newly formed chapter of the Precancel Stamp Society.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 3

The Bourse (part 4) – by Tom Broadhead

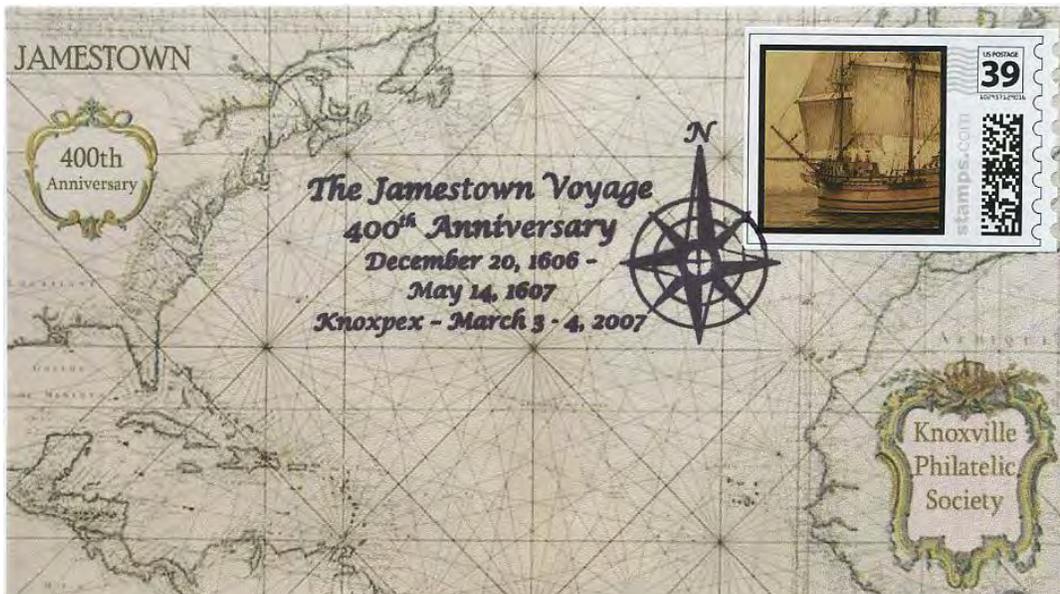
There are stamp bourses and there are Stamp Bourses. As a collector of foreign stamps and covers, I always enjoy going to stamp shows in the US and shopping dealers from around the country. I appreciate their efforts to participate in a show – travel, hauling in heavy cases, sitting for hours on chairs that are not luxurious (I am waiting to see a dealer at a show with a Lazy Boy recliner), and grabbing a quick fast food bite when they can. My wife asked me if I ever thought of becoming a full time stamp dealer, because I love stamps so much. I told her that the work was just too hard.



The stamp bourse picture here features dealer-member Bill Muenzer and many of the customers from last month's Knoppex 2007. We have a great group of dealers at our annual show, and it is reassuring to hear them talk about having a successful show in Knoxville and wanting to return the following year. The success of the Knoppex bourse each year owes a lot to our bourse chairman. For as long as I can remember, we have been fortunate to have a bourse chair who is also a dealer-member of the club. Many thanks go to our current chair, Mike Kauffman and to his predecessors Bill Muenzer and Bruce Roberts. Remember, now is the time to start saving your money to shop at Knoppex 2008 next March!

Something New in My Mail

Okay, maybe this is cheating a little, but it seemed like the place to show the Knoppex 2007 cachet. Overall, it was the work of three people, and the sum of their efforts is according to many, spectacular. The Knoppex theme, 400th anniversary of Jamestown, proved to be an interesting challenge. Ralph Dinwiddie, who creates the beautiful cachets to mail our newsletters, adapted the image of an antique map that showed the North Atlan-



tic and filled in the decorative cartouches with our theme and name. Staci Rowilson, a UT graphic design student created the design for the photo stamp based on a modern photo of the *HMS Susan Constant*, the flagship of the Jamestown fleet. Tom Broadhead created the cancel to tie the two! **Order yours now for only \$3!**

Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, May 1

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Is Anything “Forever?”

In March, the US Postal Service announced that it would soon issue a “forever” stamp – one that would always serve the same purpose, regardless of the inevitably rising future postal rates. This issue takes U.S. stamps beyond the realm of the alphabet non-denominated issues to something closely akin to stamps of the United Kingdom and other countries that are use-specific, without a printed monetary value.

The USPS “forever” stamp is specifically intended to pay the 1 ounce, first class domestic letter rate. Currently, that rate is 39 cents, but on May 14, it will increase to 41 cents. From now on, this stamp will be available for that purpose and sold at the prevailing rate. But wait! Don’t plan on stocking up now to save two cents per letter after the rate change. The new stamps went on sale April 12 – but at the new 41 cent rate.



The new stamp design is shown at left and is a beautiful image of the Liberty Bell. I like the association of the word “forever” with this great symbol of American history and democracy. It will replace the long used “flag over” issues.

This stamp will be available in many collectible formats. Postal history collectors will want to collect covers postmarked on the last and first days of changing first class rate periods. This will be an enjoyable and challenging new area to collect.

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Tom Broadhead

New Postal Rates this Month

Start saving your pennies – beginning May 14, postal rates will increase, with letter rates rising to 41 cents. This will be the last KPS Newsletter mailed to you at the old 39 cent rate. The cost for each additional ounce for first class domestic letters increases to 17 cents, and the postcard rate will increase to 26 cents.

The new priority mail stamp is \$4.60 showing Air Force One, and the \$16.25 express mail stamp will show Marine One – both are flight craft used by the US President. International letters and postcards will increase to 90 cents to most destinations.

Fifth Tuesday meeting – May 29

Mark your calendar for a bonus 5th Tuesday KPS meeting this month. Our traditional executive board meeting will begin at 6:00 – all members are invited to attend. After that, it’s swap and shop time, featuring a new group of APS Circuit Sales books.

EBay Treasure

This month’s treasure is the 1869 stamp from which this month’s Stamp of the Month image was taken. It is an unusually well centered example of Scott 119 showing the



landing of Columbus. The 1869 pictorial series is one of the most beautiful of the early US issues. This stamp, with a catalog value of \$1750 started with a bid of \$47 and ended on April 12 with 16 bids for \$400.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 3, 2007

The April 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 231 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Eleven (11) members and one guest were present. Vice-president Ralph Dinwiddie presided.

Ralph opened the meeting by announcing that a slate of KPS officers was needed, and he gave a summary of the responsibilities of each office. Ralph agreed to serve again as Vice-president, and Thomas Lane and Bruce Kenney volunteered to serve as Directors. Treasurer Richard Ehrlich, who is retiring, announced that Pat Goebel is willing to be Treasurer. Jim Pettway offered to serve as President. The only position not yet filled is Secretary. All members who had agreed to serve in these positions were nominated by members present.

Richard Ehrlich will present the final financial statement for Knoppex 2007 at the May meeting. Charlie Wade commented about high quality customer service that he had received at the Cedar Bluff post office, and Jim Pettway mentioned that he had also received exceptional service many times at the Weisgarber general postal facility.

Jim Pettway proposed, and the membership approved, the sale of Knoppex cachets through our web site. 2006 and 2007 cachets will be \$2.00 or three for \$5.00. Earlier cachets will be \$1.00 each. Jim's discussions with Southeast Federation President John Coles suggest that stamp donations to KPS given through the Federation may be tax deductible, as our umbrella organization is an IRS eligible non-profit organization (504c3).

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Jim Pettway reminded members that Knoppex 2008 – March 1-2 – is the week before the AmeriStamp Expo, the APS winter show, which will be held next year in Charlotte, North Carolina. Possible conflicts will be discussed at the KPS board meeting on May 29. Jim also brought back his proposal that 20% of the net profits from Knoppex 2007 and future KPS shows be contributed to the American Philatelic Society and/or the American Philatelic Research Library. That proposal will be voted upon in May, following the final financial report of Knoppex 2007.

Russ Haese asked that email addresses of members be made available. Jim Pettway maintains that list for sending announcements and said that he would release it to those on the list. Russ requested that Knoppex exhibits chair Bruce Roberts announce winners of show awards in the newsletter. Russ also volunteered to chair the “new collectors” area for Knoppex 2008, presenting new ideas to enhance this part of the program. Members approved.

Randy Haese volunteered to present a program at the May KPS meeting on “German Stamps Forgeries,” and Russ Haese will follow with a short program on “German Rocket Mail.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by,
Jim Pettway, Acting Secretary

Area Stamp Shopping

KPS member Bob Lancaster reports that during a recent visit to the Antique Village Mall in Crossville, he found more than 1000 US and worldwide first day covers for sale. It might be worth the short and scenic drive to check these – the address is 100 Antique Village Drive. Thanks for the tip!

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp (Scott 2616) was one of the US commemoratives issued in 1992 for the 500th anniversary of the landing of Columbus. It shows a portion of the



frame and vignette of the rare type I 15c stamp of the 1869 pictorial series. An example of the more common type II is this month's eBay treasure. The depiction of the landing of Columbus is taken from a monumental painting that was commissioned for the rotunda of the US Capitol – read more about it on page 4. Stamps are a gift from Nicole Gamble.

Illustrated Envelopes – the Early Years

By Tom Broadhead

One of the most diverse and attractive areas of collecting is illustrated envelopes. With their origins in Britain in 1840, these attractive pieces of postal history continue to be an important part of philately – including the envelope that contains this newsletter. Not only is it an important collecting area, but illustrated covers comprise a specific area of philatelic exhibiting. The American Philatelic Society (www.stamps.org) defines this class of exhibits as encompassing “advertising covers; patriotic covers; corner cards; cacheted, illustrated, or imprinted commemorative covers and cards; first day covers; and Maximaphily (maximum cards).”

The earliest illustrated postal envelope was the “Mulready,” designed by Irish artist William Mulready (1786-1863) – for more information about the artist, visit <http://homepage.eircom.net/~kathyhoward/mulready>. Mulready envelopes and similar folded letter sheets were denominated 1 penny and 2 pence, and their designs featured an allegory of Britannia along with indigenous peoples of the empire, elephants, and exotic animals. The Mulready envelopes appeared at the same time as the first British postage stamps in 1840, and the 1 penny example at right was mailed from Birmingham.



In the United States, illustrated mail appeared in political campaigns, but is best known for its propaganda use in the American Civil War. Both the Union and the Confederacy made good use of flags, other patriotic symbols, and slogans printed on envelopes. Many of these are extremely scarce, and some designs are only known on unused envelopes.



Many Union patriotic envelopes emphasized preserving the United States, and emblems frequently displayed the flag, President Lincoln, famous generals, and other images intended to raise sentiment for unification.

Confederate patriotics showed many themes similar to those of the Union, including the Confederate flag – the “Stars and Bars,” President Davis, and many military themes that focused on independence.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 1

Art on Stamps – The Landing of Columbus – by Tom Broadhead

This month's eBay treasure and stamp of the month show parts of the same famous painting, "Landing of Columbus on the Island of Guanahani, West Indies, October 12, 1492." American artist John Vanderlyn received a commission from Congress in 1839 to create this monumental painting, which was completed in 1847 and installed in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. The painting measures 12 feet high and 18 feet long. That's quite a reduction to the tiny image on the 15c 1869 US stamp, the 2c Columbian of 1892, and the 1992 Columbian commemorative. More information about this and other US stamp designs is at the Smithsonian's postal museum site – <http://arago.si.edu>.



Something New in My Mail from Charlie Wade

Sometimes you get an envelope in the mail that is such a great philatelic piece that you are tempted to frame it. Many such covers these days come to us from stamp dealers, many of whom will go to great lengths to not only sell great stamps, but to also package them well – creating another collectible for the recipient. Here is a US priority mail envelope mailed from New York City to KPS member Charlie Wade in Knoxville. Do you recognize the stamps?



The sender, Nutmeg Stamp Auctions of Danbury, Connecticut, mailed this envelope with postage paid in United Nations stamps. UN stamps are valid for postage within the US – but, the envelope must be mailed from the UN post office in New York. Each souvenir sheet has a 50c and 32c stamp, and the top of the envelope has two 32c stamps and a 13c for the correct amount of \$4.05.

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New Rates Bring New Stamps

The USPS is rolling out some great new stamp designs for the rates that took effect in May. In addition to the “forever” stamp featured last month, there is a (41¢) nondenominated flag stamp and a 26¢ postcard stamp showing a Florida panther.



Last month, I mistakenly reported that the 26¢ stamp would also pay the second ounce on a first class letter. Thanks go to KPS member and USPS employee Phil Ford, who pointed out that in fact the additional ounce rate *decreased!* It is now only 17¢ - reduced from 24¢, and a new stamp showing a rocky mountain sheep will be an attractive add-on to heavier first class letters.



Enjoy these and many other new issues that will be appearing this year.

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Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I would like to begin the first of my President's columns by extending congratulations and a thank you to Mike Kauffman for the wonderful job serving as our KPS President the past 12 months. Thanks to Mike's leadership and his committee appointments your society had a very successful Knoxpex 2007, grew in membership and stepped forward as an outstanding stamp club in the southeast. Thank you, Mike, for your contributions to the KPS. I look forward to what you will bring to our organization in the future.

And now you have elected me to serve as your President for the coming year. I thank you. During the next months I will be calling on many of you to contribute your time and energy to help our society grow and be a standout in the philatelic world. I continue to be awed by the talent and expertise within our society and those that are taking their time to volunteer to guide others. Be prepared this year to step forward and get involved, or more involved with the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Committee leaders and I will be calling on your help with different projects and I hope that you will step up and be an active part of the KPS.

During the next year I ask that you volunteer some time to your stamp club. Attend meetings. Present a program at the monthly meetings. Write an article for the KPS News. Help at the registration table during Knoxpex. I will do all I can to lead us, and working together we can make the KPS a stamp club after which other stamp clubs will want to pattern their organizations.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 1, 2007

The May 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on May 1, 2007. Mike Kauffman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 18 members present including Jo and Ron Mynatt. The Mynatts attended the meeting after a period of absence and both are charter members of the KPS.

An excellent program on “German States Stamp Forgeries” was presented by Randy Haese, who was ably assisted by Russ Haese and Tony Torres. Randy showed excellent reference literature and enlarged examples of stamp forgeries. He also shared some of the reference material he uses in his own collection.

After the program presentation, the business meeting was held. The first order of business was the election of KPS officers for the coming year. The following were elected by unanimous vote:

President	Jim Pettway
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Treasurer	Pat Goebel
Director	Thomas Lane
Director	Bruce Kenney

As is the club custom, the new club president, Jim Pettway, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

In old business, a discussion centered on the KPS club vote for the APS upcoming election. It was voted that individual members would email their preferences for APS officers to Jim Pettway. At the May 29 KPS board

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meeting the preferences of the majority submitting emails will be certified as the KPS chapter vote, and the ballot will be submitted to APS.

A discussion was held on the March 1-2, 2008 Knoxpex date. This is the week before the APS winter show, AmeriStamp Expo in Charlotte, NC and conflicts may exist. It was decided for this issue to be discussed and resolved at the May 29 KPS board meeting.

After much discussion, a unanimous vote approved a contribution of \$100.00 to the APS general fund from the KPS. During the discussion, point was made earmarking an annual donation for future years would require a change in the by-laws. Therefore, it was suggested that a motion be made annually to contribute based on the club’s current financial status.

In new business, Tom Broadhead asked members to be thinking of a theme for Knoxpex 2008 and suggested the board discuss this at the next meeting. In other new business, the membership discussed any special promotional efforts for the Harley Davidson Round-Up to be held in Knoxville in August. Jim Pettway was asked to investigate this idea.

In general announcements members were reminded of the 5th Tuesday meeting on May 29 and the APS circuit books. Stu Hanlein reported on a favorable write-up in the Precancel Society newsletter on activities at Knoxpex and formation of a chapter. Bruce Roberts mentioned a case currently before the Alaskan Supreme Court on the admissibility of stamp certifications as evidence.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

Stamp of the Month

This month’s stamp (Scott 2630) commemorates the 200th anniversary of the New York Stock Exchange. Issued in 1992, it has the general appearance of an engraved stock certificate.

A spectacular error exists of this stamp, known from a single sheet. Some of the stamps lack the black portion of the design, which shows the façade of the exchange and



the busy trading floor. In the other error variety from the same sheet, the black portions are inverted.

These stamps are provided by former KPS president, Nicole Gamble.

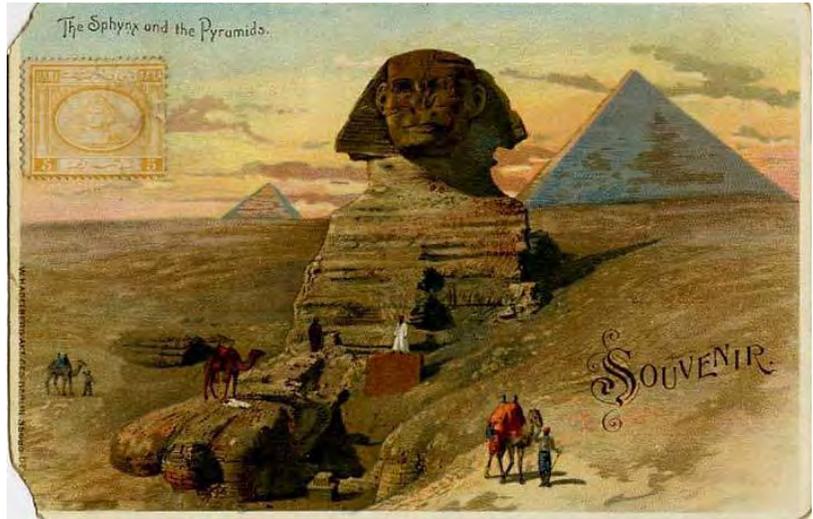
Illustrated Mail – Maximaphily

By Tom Broadhead

Last month, I wrote about illustrated envelopes, a popular collecting area around the world that includes the popular cachet first day covers. One area of collecting that has yet to be fully commercialized in the U.S. and does not yet have the appeal here that it does among European collectors is “maximaphily” – the collecting of maximum cards. These are illustrated post cards in which the pictorial image is similar to that of the stamp. The closeness of similarity appears to be a matter of personal taste or convenience. Sometimes a maximum card will show the exact same image as the stamp, but sometimes it only shows similar subject matter.

The example at right is a maximum card in the most general sense. An 1867 stamp of Egypt showing the Sphinx and Great Pyramid was added, but not tied by a postal cancel to a card produced in the 1890's showing those monuments.

In contrast, the example below is a maximum card in every way. The one franc stamp of Monaco shows the exact image of George Washington as the post card, which was probably created exactly for this purpose. Moreover, the stamp is tied to the card by a first day cancel. This and most other maximum cards are favor cancelled and did not pass through the mail.



Shown below is an interesting use of the 1946 Tennessee 150th anniversary of statehood on a postcard showing the state capitol – postmarked in New York at the International Philatelic Exhibition in 1947. The image of the state capitol is the same and qualifies this as a maximum card, but the late use of the stamp would not be desirable to purists!



If you are looking for a new direction in your collecting and find the thematic nature of stamp images appealing, consider adding some illustrated mail to your collection or exhibit. Illustrated envelopes and first day covers are an easy start for U.S. collectors. I predict that maximum cards will become increasingly popular with U.S. collectors and both the USPS and cachet makers will want to explore this exciting area of collecting.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 5

APS Circuit Sales Books Are Here! – by Jim Pettway

We have 18 different philatelic topic areas covered in the new shipment of circuit sales books from the APS. These have already been shopped once at last week's 5th Tuesday meeting. Take a look at some of the great material at right.

This time, we have 5 “first viewing books” that have not been picked by other clubs or buyers: U.S. bargains, U.S. 19th century covers from Virginia, Brazil, Spanish Andorra + Cape Juby, and MNH birds. Other areas featured in these sales are: U.S. precancels, U.S. unused bargains, U.S. 19th century covers, Germany, Great Britain, Scandinavia, Jamaica, Dominica + British Guiana, Costa Rica, and Canada.

Remember that we will have circuit sales books each time there is a 5th Tuesday meeting. For the rest of 2007, those dates will be July 31 + August 7 and October 30 + November 6. Come and shop, and let me know your interests for future circuit sales.



Something New in My Mail from Tom Broadhead

The new rate changes have made for some abundant and inexpensive postal history items – and you may have received some of these in your daily mail. The 41 cent stamps were issued a few weeks before the May 14 increase, and I have seen a few envelopes that had the “Forever” stamp and also (shown below at the top) the new “First Class” flag stamp – both of which pay the new 41 cent rate. I heard from postal clerks that some customers thought that they had to begin using the higher value stamps before the required date.

More interesting to me are the covers used properly and improperly on the first date of the new rate and also those used improperly after that date. The abundance of both will guarantee that they will never achieve the rarity status of rate-change covers of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The envelope shown in the middle at right has the proper 41 cents postage, and was mailed on the first day of the new rate. The envelope below at right, however, was mailed on the second day of the new rate and managed to make it through the mail with only 39 cents postage! Keep your eyes open for later covers with postage due markings.



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Stamps on Broadway

You never know where references to stamps will show up, and I just found one in a Broadway musical! My older son, Evan, was cast as “Sid” the male lead of the Oak Ridge Playhouse’s summer production of “The Pajama Game.” One night he asked me about a line in the show.

“Pop” is the father of “Babe,” Sid’s romantic interest. In Act 1, Scene 8, Sid is visiting at their home when the stage directions indicate, “Pop enters from bedroom. He has his stamp album with him.” Then the dialogue begins!

Pop: “Say, Sid. You like stamps?”

Babe: “Pop!”

Pop: “Well if he don’t, this is something that should be interesting to anybody.” (He hands the album to Sid)
“Two sets of Mint Columbians. Plate blocks on every issue since 1919.”



What a thrill! Has there ever been a more sparkling dialogue than that?

Then, Evan asked me what it meant. A few minutes later, with help

From the Scott Catalog, I was able to show him in “great detail” what Pop’s excitement was about.

For me, this was another philatelic discovery. Thanks to Jim Pettway for the photo. You can hear this live the first two weeks of July at the Oak Ridge Playhouse.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

As I mentioned in my column last month, we have a lot of talent and expertise in our club, much more than many stamp clubs in the country. We have two members, Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts, who have received national stamp exhibition awards in the past year. These two are encouraging to others in our club, and Bruce Roberts has extended his expertise in this area to instruct other club members in exhibiting. Bruce will be continuing stamp exhibition instructions in the months ahead. Be looking for the announcement in your KPS News and email. Take the next step in stamp collecting and learn to show off – exhibit your collection!

Tom Broadhead continues to exhibit his talent in writing by editing our KPS News each month. Tom writes wonderful stamp articles for you to enjoy, but there is room for you to write for the KPS News. I know that many of you are unable to attend the KPS meetings each month because of travel distance or late hours. I do understand, but you can be a very active part of the club by contributing a stamp article to the KPS News. Start today! Write an article and add a few pictures! Send your article to Tom at the KPS mailing address or send a MSWord file to his e-mail on page 2 of this newsletter. Allow Tom to edit, and your article will appear in a future KPS News. A couple of ideas for subjects to write about might be “How I got Started in Stamp Collecting,” “Why I Collect Stamps From X,” “Guess What I Found on eBay?” or “Look at What I Found at Knoxpex. So, what are you waiting for? Get started this week and make a literary contribution to the KPS.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 5, 2007

The June 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Prior to the start of the meeting, KPS members were able to view the APS Sales Circuit books and make final purchases before the books are returned to APS. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. There were 16 members present.

The membership confirmed that Knoxpex 2008 will be held as planned on March 1-2. The fact that the APS winter show, AmeriStamp Expo was the following week was considered not to be a hindrance to the success of our annual show. In further Knoxpex business, it was decided to have the theme of “50 Years of U.S. Space Exploration.” Tom Broadhead pointed out that the first successful U.S. satellite launch and the congressional authorization for NASA both occurred in 1958.

Jim Pettway announced that KPS had received a \$5 check from APS as a “finder’s fee” for sponsoring a new member. In further APS-related news, the membership voted to confirm the vote for APS officers on behalf of the club. It was announced that KPS now has 51 individual and family unit members. Several members volunteered to check locations for the annual holiday party, which will be December 4.

Pat Goebel showed two commemorative cards from the Vatican City, one of which was a maximum card. Elaine Evans showed several early 20th century postcards from Egypt depicting local scenes along with stamps showing the sphinx and pyramids.

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The program at the KPS July meeting will be Rocket Mail by Russ Haese.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Tom Broadhead, Acting Secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting May 29, 2007

President Jim Pettway brought the board meeting to order at 6:15 pm. There were 9 members present. In old business, it was confirmed that KPS would send a check for \$100 to the APS for its general fund. In further APS news, the results of the e-mail poll resulted in a majority of KPS members recommending a vote for APS officers: Carter (president), Rod, Saadi, Strait (vice-presidents), Zwillinger (secretary), Walker (treasurer), Martin, Odenweiler, Stotts, Lenz (directors), Haesler (APRL trustee).

The board concluded that Knoxpex 2008 will be held on March 1-2. Gerald Schroedl will be show chair, Bill Muenzer – bourse chair, Bruce Roberts – exhibits chair, Russ and Randy Haese – beginner activities, Tom Copas – site coordinator, Pat Goebel – finances, and Gerald Schroedl – auction.

There was discussion concerning opportunities for KPS to develop commemorative cancels for stamp collecting month in October, Dogwood Arts Festival in the spring, and the Harley Davidson gathering in the fall. Tom Broadhead proposed that Nicole Gamble be considered as an Honorary Life Member.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by:

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Stamp of the Month

This month’s stamp (Scott 2747) commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail, one of the major overland routes for white settler migration across western North America. Traveling across the Great Plains from Missouri, wagon trains and riders on horseback had to traverse several mountain ranges in Wyoming before reaching the volcanic plains of southern Idaho and Oregon on their way to the Columbia River.

This stamp is phosphor-tagged, and an untagged variety catalogs for about 25 times the cost of a mint unhinged single.



These stamps were provided by former KPS president, Nicole Gamble.

The Revolutionary Issues of Indonesia

By Adrieen Mayor

On 17 August 1945, following the defeat of the Japanese in World War II, a group of more than 17,500 islands straddling the equator from the Indian to the Pacific Oceans declared independence. What followed was a protracted and bloody struggle with the Dutch colonial rulers, and sovereignty of the United States of Indonesia was not recognized until 27 December 1949.

Most stamp catalogs list the stamp issues of Indonesia beginning with the year 1950. Recently, I discovered a fascinating area of stamp collecting, the revolutionary issues of Indonesia. Surprisingly, part of the story of these stamps can be found in a front page article published in the 7 February 1949 issue of *Linn's Weekly Stamp News* (figure 1). The article points out that during its conflict with the Dutch, republican forces of Indonesia issued stamps used both within the country and on international mail. The main thrust of the article is a plea by the government of Indonesia for other nations and collectors to recognize stamps issued by its postal authority during the conflict. Stocks of these issues were even offered to the stamp collecting public.

Status Of The Republic Of Indonesia's Postal Administration And Postal Emissions Is Presented

The Republic of Indonesia in an attempt to throw light on the status of the Indonesian Republic itself, has produced a letter which it is purported contains these facts. It was written over the signature of Basoeki Djatiasmoro, assistant to the financial and Trade Representative Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia.

figure 1 – Part of front page article from *Linn's* on 7 February, 1949.

Fast-forward 58 years to the July 2007 issue of the *Scott Stamp Monthly*. Details of Indonesia's revolution and the stamps issued during the conflict are told in a wonderful article by William A. Jones titled "Indonesia Revolutionary issues"! According to Jones, among the first stamps used by the republican forces were stamps captured from the Japanese and Dutch. As early as 1945 stamps of the Netherlands Indies and Japanese occupation were overprinted "Repeoblik Indonesia" in varying formats (figure 2). The

first locally printed stamps were released on December 1, 1945 for use in Java. On the large island of Sumatra "a bewildering variety of pre-World War II and wartime Dutch and Japanese issues, many already overprinted by local authorities, were used, first without additional overprint (figure 3), but soon with locally applied "Repeoblik Indonesia" overprints." In 1946, additional machine-struck overprints were created for general use.



figure 2 – 1945 overprint on Netherlands Indies stamp.



figure 3 – provisional issue for Sumatra – 1946-1948

In 1948 a series of "propaganda issues" were produced that included air mail and postage due stamps. Most of these were printed by the Austrian State Printing Office and are commonly referred to as the "Vienna Issues" (figure 4, 5).



figure 4 – an airmail stamp, part of the Vienna issue



figure 5 – postage due stamp from the Vienna issue.

Jones indicates that "all of the stamps of the Indonesian Revolution have either been ignored or listed incompletely...or inconsistently by the general stamp catalogs" all of which were put off by the blatant propaganda nature of some of the issues. Finally, 62 years after the first of these fascinating "Revolutionary Issues" appeared, they are being organized and listed in Volume 3 of the 2008 Scott catalog, opening an area of stamp and postal history collecting to those of us who were completely unaware of these fascinating stamps (figure 6). If you are interested in reading more about Indonesia and the revolutionary issues, I have both the *Linn's* article and the article from *Scott's Stamp Monthly*.



figure 6 – provisional stamp showing President Sukarno

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5th Tuesday Meeting – July 31 – Shop the latest circuit sales from the APS!

Think “Space” for Knoxpex 2008 – by Tom Broadhead

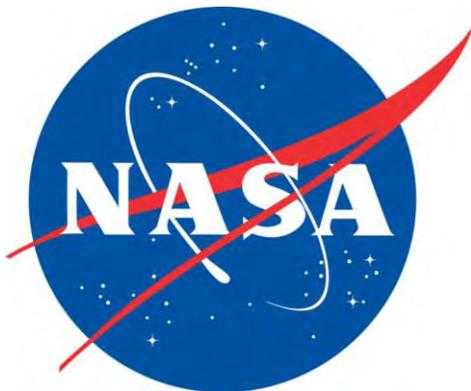
The year 1958 was one of the most important for the United States space program, and we will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next March 1-2 at Knoxpex 2008. Following the launch of Sputnik I by the Soviet Union on October 4, 1957, U.S. scientists shifted into high gear as the “space race” began. On January 31, 1958, an Army Redstone rocket launched Explorer 1 (officially known as Satellite 1958 Alpha) into orbit. This 20-pound, rocket-shaped object discovered the Van Allen radiation belts and continued to orbit the Earth until its burn-up in the atmosphere on March 30, 1970.



Photos of Explorer I being attached to the Redstone rocket, the rocket during launch, and Explorer I in orbit. These photos and additional information can be viewed online at <http://inventors.about.com/od/sstartinventions/ss/Satellite>.

During 1958, five more attempts were made to launch orbiting satellites. Of these, Explorer III (March 5) and Explorer IV (July 26) were the only successful ones.

On July 29, 1958, congress passed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Later that year, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) was transferred from the Army to NASA. The NASA insignia – popularly known as the “meatball” – was adopted in 1959 and is shown at left. According to Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NASA_logo), the outer circle represents a planet, the blue interior with white stars represents space, the red chevron represents aeronautics, and the elliptical orbit represents a spacecraft.



Stay tuned for articles about space exploration and space philately (but not “space fillers”) in upcoming newsletters leading up to Knoxpex 2008!

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Southeastern Stamp Show

The largest stamp show in our area is coming up soon – September 28-29 in the north Atlanta suburb of Marietta. Southeastern Stamp Show is produced by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, of which KPS is a member. We benefit from having our club information posted at the Federation's web site not to mention the collaborative efforts of 15 local clubs in the southeast, one in the northeast, and five philatelic organizations that focus on different aspects of our hobby.

This year, the Southeastern Stamp Show will be a two-day show – Friday and Saturday. With more than 25 dealers and 100+ exhibit frames, any enthusiastic philatelist will have a busy time at the show. This year, you can add to that the meetings of the Auxiliary Markings Club, the Errors, Freaks & Oddities Society, and the Georgia Postal History Society.



Congratulations in advance go to Scott Mark, show chair, and John Coles, Federation President and webmaster. Learn more about the show and get the information for exhibiting at www.stampclubs.com. I hope that you will attend and exhibit!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Some time ago someone in our club asked, "What are the benefits of joining our stamp club?" Or one might look at it as what has the stamp club got for me? As I sat at my computer to write this column this question came to me. The Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) has a lot to offer members. The club provides the opportunity for people with an interest in stamps and postal history to get together at least once a month to talk about their hobby among themselves. It gives members a forum in which they can share their knowledge with other members by presenting a program at the monthly KPS meetings. Four times a year members meet (Fifth Tuesday) to buy, sell and/or trade philatelic material. The American Philatelic Society Sales Circuit is available to KPS members at this same Fifth Tuesday meeting. The KPS newsletter provides space for members to try their hand at writing and sharing a special article with others.

Then there is the annual stamp show and bourse (Knoxpex) sponsored by the KPS. Local dealers as well as dealers from afar bring their stamps, covers, literature, and supplies to Knoxville. During Knoxpex members have the opportunity to display and compete for awards by exhibiting their special collections. And how do you learn to exhibit? The KPS has volunteer experts holding seminars to show you how.

Now, where do you fit in? You have plenty to offer KPS members so what's keeping you from contributing an article to the KPS News? An exhibit at Knoxpex? Your time for Knoxpex? A program at a meeting? Or just attending the monthly and 5th Tuesday meetings and enjoying the hobby of presidents and kings?

I look forward to seeing you August 7th. Bring a friend.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 3, 2007

The July 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 16 members present.

An interesting program on Early Germany Rocket Mail presented by Russ Haese showed many examples of rocket mail covers and an original of the first rocket mail catalog. A handout with photos of rocket mail covers and the project history was given to the attending members. After the program, Stu Hanlein told of his attendance at the NAPEX show and the Capital Pre-cancel show, both held in the Washington D. C. area in June. Charlie Wade told of his experience of *trying* to buy postage stamps at a post office during his recent visit to Paris.

After these discussions, the business meeting was held. The minutes of the June meeting were approved. Pat Goebel's treasurer's report was approved, and Pat's request to destroy some old club financial records following the KPS guidelines was granted. Jim Pettway told of recruiting a new club member he met recently at K-Town Stamps.

Jim asked for volunteers to present programs at upcoming KPS meetings. Volunteers were Tom Broadhead (October) "Franco-German War Balloon Mail" and Charlie Wade (November) "Stamp Grading Criteria."

In old business, a discussion centered on the site of the December holiday party. After a discussion of four

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locations and a club vote, the party will be December 4 at the Mandarin House restaurant in west Knoxville. Thomas Lane has made reservations with a price per person of \$12.80 for the buffet and no charge for the meeting room.

In items of new business:

- 1) A discussion on the development of a special cachet for Stamp Collecting Month in October.
- 2) The Boy Scouts are preparing a speakers list of topics of interest to their members. Jim Pettway asked members to think about this as an opportunity to attract new members to the hobby and volunteer for this effort.
- 3) Southeastern Stamp Show will be held in Marietta, Georgia, September 28 – 29, 2007. The club voted to support this event by placing a full-page ad in the program for \$50.00 and sponsor a table for Youth Exhibition, the Youth Table, or the Youth Grand Award for \$20.00. Tom Broadhead encouraged members to exhibit at this show and distributed the exhibit prospectus and application forms. Jim Pettway suggested that KPS have information on the front table at the show as in previous years.

Members were reminded of the 5th Tuesday meeting on July 31 and the APS circuit books and general member stamp swap at 7:00 PM. There will be an executive board meeting that night at 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Charlie Wade, Secretary

August Program change

Tom Broadhead will show examples and discuss the balloon mail of the Franco German war – 1870-1871 at this month's KPS meeting.

Stamp of the Month

As Jim Pettway mentions in this month's president's column, stamps are the "hobby of kings." So it is that a lot of royalty are pictured on stamps – and here is the King of Rock & Roll. The Elvis Presley stamp (Scott 2721 – perforated 11 on four sides) was issued in 1993 as part of the American Music Series. It exists alone in a sheet of 40, and also with the inscription "Elvis Presley" se-tenant with 6 other artists in a sheet of 35, (Scott 2724) and perforated 11 horizontally in a booklet pane with the same 6 other musicians (Scott 2731).



These stamps were provided by former KPS president, Nicole Gamble.

The Year Was 1949

by Jim Pettway

Harry Truman was President. "Buttons and Bows" sung by Dinah Shore was number 1 on the music charts. A soda was 5 cents. And the United States Postal Service was collecting 3 cents to mail a first class letter and double that to get your letter sent via airmail. The year was 1949.

In 1949 the Post Office introduced 6 new commemorative stamps and 6 airmail stamps to the public. The first commemorative stamp of the year was issued on March 3 and commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of the Minnesota Territory. This blue-green 6 cent stamp featured a pioneer walking along side his oxcart.



The following month, on April 12, the Post Office celebrated 200 years of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. Named for George Washington and Robert E. Lee, the University Building on the campus of Washington and Lee University is shown on this 3 cent ultramarine stamp in addition to portraits of the two men.

Just days later the United States recognized the first gubernatorial election in the Territory of Puerto Rico, held on Nov 2, 1948, when the Post Office issued a 3 cent stamp on April 27. This green stamp pictured a Puerto Rican farmer holding a cogwheel in one hand and a ballot box in the other.



The first airmail issue of 1949 came on May 11 when the 200th anniversary of the founding of Alexandria, Virginia was commemorated. The 6 cent carmine stamp featured Gadsby's Tavern, the home of John Carlyle and in the center was the Alexandria Seal with eagle wings spread across the top.

Coming just 12 days later a 3 cent stamp commemorated the founding, 300 years earlier, of Annapolis, Maryland. The aquamarine stamp was issued on May 23 and featured a ship sailing on a 1718 map of regions around Annapolis.



On August 25 the 5 cent air mail stamp of 1947 was reissued for the new air mail rate of 6 cents. It was the only non-commemorative stamp issued in 1949.

The Grand Army of the Republic was honored with a stamp on August 29 noting their final encampment at Indianapolis, August 28 through September 1, 1949. The 3 cent stamp was issued in bright rose carmine and featured a Union soldier and a G.A.R. veteran.



The last regular commemorative stamp of 1949 was issued on October 7 and featured poet, story writer and editor, Edgar Allan Poe who died 100 years earlier. The 3 cent stamp is bright red violet.

A series of airmail stamps was issued in October and November of 1949 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. A world globe with doves flying around it is illustrated on the 15 cent ultramarine stamp issued October 7. The violet 10 cent issue was released on November 18 and features a picture of the Postal Office Department Building. And on November 18 the rose carmine 25 cent issue was released. A Boeing Stratocruiser is shown flying around the globe.



And finally in 1949 the Post Office Department issued the Wright Brothers 6 cent airmail stamp. The magenta stamp celebrates the 46th anniversary of the first successful flight of what we know today as an airplane. The event took place at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina on December 17, 1903. (Interestingly, the Post Office did not issue another air mail stamp until March of 1952.)

This was not a bad year for the issuance of postage stamps. Just six commemorative and six airmail stamps were issued. Compare that to what the United States Postal Service issues today.

And why did I choose the year 1949 to feature? Why of course, I was born in 1949. What a great year!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 7

Lidice, Czech Republic – by Jo Mynatt

If you are a world-wide stamp collector, a Czech Republic collector, or maybe a topical collector, you may have noticed stamps printed to remember the anniversary of the Lidice massacre.

Lidice was a small village in Bohemia, dating back to before 1318. Most of the adult residents worked in mines or factories located nearby and enjoyed the peaceful life of a small rural town. When Reinhard Heydrich, the Reichsprotektor of Bohemia and Moravia, was mortally wounded and subsequently died on June 4, 1942, the Nazis took retaliation by destroying this village, along with others. Lidice was chosen because Hitler suspected that they harbored resistance fighters.

The entire population of Lidice was rounded up on June 10, and approximately 340 men, women, and possibly children were shot on the spot. The town was razed, burned to the ground and bulldozed. The survivors were sent to concentration camps, where many of them perished. Approximately 82 children were sent to a concentration camp, and some were chosen to be sent to Germany to be adopted by German families. Many children died.



Heydrich memorial stamp issued by the Nazi puppet regime



Czechoslovakia memorialized this great human tragedy through a series of stamps (examples at left commemorate the 5th, 10th, and 25th anniversaries of the massacre). On the site of the town stands a memorial dedicated on July 10, 1945. In May of 1947, the first stone of the foundation for the new village of Lidice was laid, and the population of the new town of Lidice has grown to 435 as of 2006.

More on the U.S. Space Program – by Tom Broadhead

Although the U.S. had its first successful satellite launches in 1958, our first space stamp did not appear until 1960, following the launch of the communication satellite, Echo 1. In the 1960's and 1970's, stamps with space themes were a very popular topical area, and many small countries without space programs joined the philatelic celebration.



1968 stamp of Paraguay marking the re-entry of Echo 1 and a 2000 stamp of Kazakhstan showing the Echo satellite.

Stay tuned for articles about space philately in upcoming newsletters leading up to **Knoxplex 2008** celebrating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. space program!



Photographically cropped first day cover for the Echo 1 stamp. Stamp images shown in this article are from www1.cira.colostate.edu/ramm/hillger/Echo.htm

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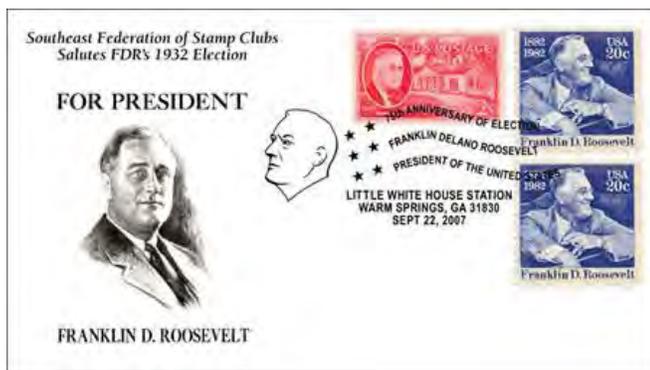
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New Members, Organizations, Shows

KPS continues to attract new members, who bring a great variety of interests and experiences to our club. In the last two months, we have had six new members, Richard Baylor, Jr., Forrest Conklin, James Estes, Art McVeety, Charles Stinnett and Karen Haese. We look forward to seeing them at KPS monthly meetings.

There is a new chapter of a major philatelic organization in the making. KPS member Paul Chasteen is working to form a Tennessee chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society. This should attract some interest among other KPS members who have given recent programs on German states forgeries, paper varieties, and booklet panes of the German Democratic Republic. For more information about the GPS, visit its website – <http://www.gps.nu>, or e-mail Paul at paul@chasteen.us.

Don't forget to attend **Southeastern Stamp Show** later this month, September 28-29. The theme is the 75th anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's first election as president. Here is the cachet with stamps and cancel that will be available at the show.



Happy collecting. October is stamp collecting month!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Wow, what a great turnout we had for the 5th Tuesday July KPS Meeting. As you know during this meeting members buy, sell and swap stamps with each other as well as purchase from the APS Sales Circuit books. There were four satellite tables in the corners of the meeting room where selling/buying was taking place, and the sales books were seeing activity in the middle of the room. It was great seeing so many people scurrying from table to table buying, selling and trading stamps. I hope that you didn't miss it. October 30 is the next scheduled 5th Tuesday KPS Meeting.

And then at the regular August meeting of the KPS we had another good group in attendance, and we signed up a new member. The Knoxville Philatelic Society continues to grow.

During the August meeting Paul Chasteen announced that he was organizing a Germany stamp club. With so many Germany stamp specialists in the KPS, I'm not surprised that they would want to have their own club. This comes just after Stu Hanlein organized the Tennessee Precancel Club. Will the KPS now have stamp club chapters?

We're growing folks, and not only am I and others in our club seeing this growth, but so are stamp collectors and stamp organizations beyond. Just this weekend, Stu Hanlein worked the registration table at Bill Muenzer's stamp bourse in Knoxville and signed up two new members.

I'm excited for the future of our club. Thanks to all volunteers who give their time and labor to make our club successful.

See you at the September meeting.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 7, 2007

The August 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 21 members present.

An interesting program on the Balloon Mail of the Franco-German War: 1870 – 1871 was presented by Tom Broadhead.

After the program, the business meeting was held. Jim recognized a new member and a guest at the meeting. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Pat Goebel presented the treasurer's report which was approved.

In old business, the club discussed a cachet for Stamp Collecting Month, which is October. A special cancel will be requested from the USPS and will be available at the Weisgarber post office on October 23. Jim discussed working with the Boy Scouts who have an interest in stamp collecting. Also money has been sent for an ad and sponsorship of a table at Southeastern Stamp Show.

Bruce Roberts, exhibit chairman for Knoxpex began a workshop on exhibiting at 6:30, which will run through the September, October, November, and January meetings. Bruce encourages all members to prepare an exhibit.

New business and information:

- Ralph Dinwiddie had information on recent British stamps and showed stamps his son got while visiting Hungary.
- Barry Van Winkle had a set of 2002 Scott catalogues to give to anyone interested

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- Stu Hanlein spoke of his attendance at the Precancel society meeting in Madison, Wisconsin and discussed activities of the Tennessee Precancel Society
- The Christmas party will be held on December 4. Discussion was held concerning a program that night.
- Bill Muenzer's Summer Stamp Bourse will be held on August 18-19.
- Tom Broadhead discussed honorary memberships to our club and proposed Nicole Gamble as honorary member. Members approved this action.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting July 31, 2007

The July "Fifth Tuesday" board meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on July 31, 2007. Seven members were present, and Jim Pettway presided.

Business included:

- Honorary KPS memberships for individuals. It was proposed that Nicole Gamble be recognized as such. This will be presented for a vote at the next club meeting.
- The club received a thank you note from the APS for our \$100 contribution
- We have sent \$50.00 for an ad in the program and \$20.00 to sponsor a youth table at the upcoming Southeastern Stamp Show.
- The board reviewed the cost of having the APS circuit books for the club. Since the inception in May 2006, the club has sold \$1,042.11 with expenses of \$ 1,098.92 showing a loss of \$ 56.81. The board agreed this was well worth it as a benefit for our members.
- The board discussed a cachet for Stamp Collecting Month in October. A special cancel from the APS will be provided through the club at the Weisgarber post office on October 23.

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

Stamp of the Month



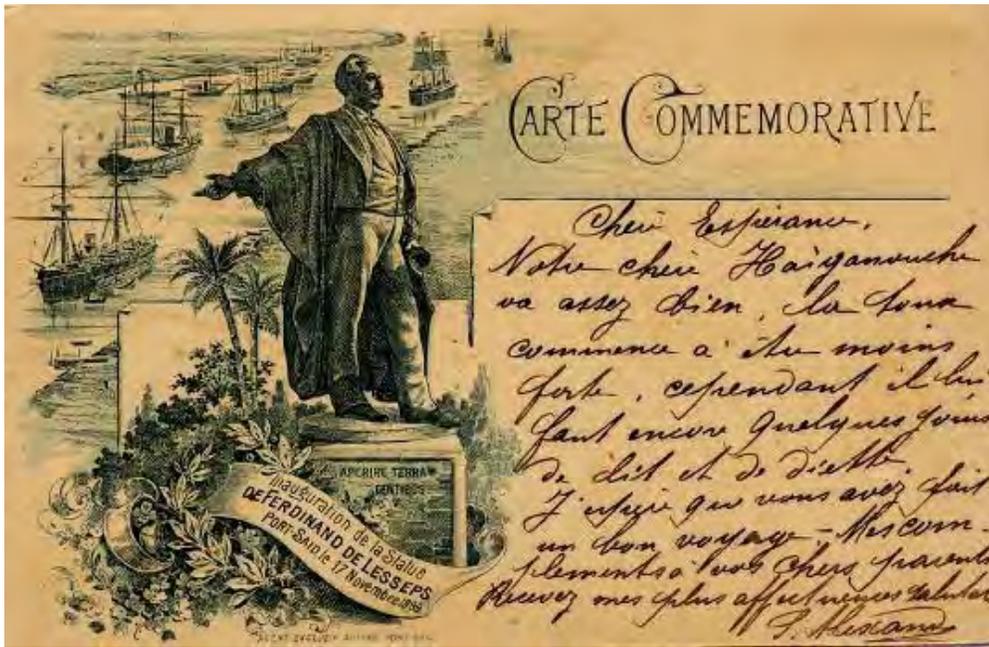
Think about some cool weather. This month's stamp (Scott 2635) was issued in 1992 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Highway. A high-priced variety is known with the black engraved inscription and value missing. These stamps are a gift from Nicole Gamble.

Greetings from the Suez Canal – 1904

By Elaine Evans

Egypt never fails to fascinate. No less so in being the first known country to form an organized postal system under the ancient pharaohs. The first modern Egyptian governmental postal service was established in 1821 by Mohammed Ali Pasha, ruler of Egypt (1805-1848). Thirty-five years later was another first for Egypt, with the issue of its first stamps. Printed postal cards appeared in 1879, and picture post cards showing many important archeological sites followed in the 1890's.

A handsome stamped, Suez Canal commemorative postcard, recently purchased in Paris, France, bears an engraved image of a bronze statue, erected November 17, 1899, of French diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps.



A tireless promoter of the canal, de Lesseps (1805-1894) negotiated the agreement with Egyptian ruler, Said Pasha, and engaged two French engineers. A triumphantly posed statue was installed at its entrance in Port Said, thirty years to the day after the Canal's official opening. Not apparent is the enormous cost to Egypt, numerous, un-bearable difficulties and untold tragedies, which almost crippled the clearing of a pathway to the Red Sea. Debts

mounted for the Suez Canal Company. Nevertheless in 1869 the Canal opened with great, grandiose fanfare. But in 1874, Egypt's 44 % share in the Suez Canal Company was sold to the British, resulting in Egypt's loss of financial independence. In 1956, though, the Canal was nationalized by the Egyptian government of Gamal Abdel Nasser, and as de Lesseps had envisioned the canal remains vital to Egypt's security and foreign exchange.

Reverse side of the card, with a single and pair of the one millieme stamp (Scott 43) issued in 1888, cancelled March 12, 1904 (12.III.04) at Zagazig, Lower Egypt, capital of the sixth province of Sharqiya. Received the same day at Ibrahimia, near Helia, also in the Sharqiya governate of the Delta.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 4

H.M.S. Lusitania Memorial Cinderellas – by Jo Mynatt

Many times I run across interesting items in my searches of "nickel mixes", give-away boxes, or vast mixtures of stamps. These items may catch my eye for many reasons, but one of these two "Cinderellas" stood out to me because of the engraving and use of colors. The other was "found" in the same mixture. I am sure there are many more of these around.



Both of these propaganda labels or "Cinderellas" show an image of the sinking ship and mourned the loss of the Lusitania and many on board the ill-fated British liner, which some thought carried munitions that drew fire and ire from Germany.



These labels piqued my interest and curiosity right away, and led me to learn something of the ship, the circumstances of its demise, and the consequences of the sinking. The Lusitania first set sail on June 7, 1907. Less than 8 years later, she was torpedoed by the Germans and sunk on May 7, 1915. One thousand, one hundred and nineteen people, including many Americans, died. This act and other events led the United States to enter World War I less than 2 years later.

Don't forget the Southeastern Stamp Show – September 28-29, hosted by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Get information on this APS Champion of Champions show at www.stampclubs.com.

More on the U.S. Space Program – by Tom Broadhead

After many successful satellite launches and two, manned, sub-orbital launches, the U.S. finally achieved its first manned orbital launch on February 20, 1962. John Glenn, riding in the project Mercury capsule "Friendship 7," made three complete orbits of the Earth. Secretly, the post office had produced a project Mercury stamp, which was issued at 3:30pm on the day of the Glenn's successful mission.



The project Mercury commemorative stamp (Scott 1193) and an Artcraft cachet first day cover, postmarked at Cape Canaveral, 3:30 pm on February 20, 1962.



More brief notes about stamps commemorating space exploration by the United States will be forthcoming, leading up to **Knoxplex 2008** celebrating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. space program!

Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, October 2

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KPS Friends

Our club is fortunate to not only have dedicated members who contribute their time and efforts to the club and our hobby, but it also benefits from the generosity of former members and non-members. Two years ago, Nicole (Gamble) Sanchez, former KPS president, donated a huge accumulation of stamps,



many of which have since found their way into the beginners program at Knoxpex and into the "stamp of the month" in this newsletter. At last month's meeting, we voted to make Nicole an honorary member

in thanks for her service to KPS and her gift.

Recently, KPS has received a large collection of stamps and covers from Karen Houck, a former collector from Gatlinburg. Many of these will be used in the beginners program, and some will be sold for the club's benefit in the Knoxpex live auction. Dr. David Baker, a chemistry professor at UT, has just given the club a very nice accumulation of recent foreign stamps, which we will be able to add to the youth and beginners program.

Richard Ehrlich sends news that former KPS member, Paul Reyling, the head electrical engineer at Oak Ridge during the secret days of World War II, just celebrated his 90th birthday. Paul's daughter, Paula, is an active collector and lives in Houston.

Thanks to all of these great people. Don't forget – **October is stamp collecting month!**

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

This month brings lots of stamp related activities. First off it's Stamp Collecting Month. The United States Postal Service window at Weisgarber Road will have a special cancellation available for you on October 23. Go on this day and get a few covers cancelled with this cancellation made available by the KPS, the American Philatelic Society, and the USPS.

Have you heard about the Precancel Society? Well, if not, Stu Hanlein will tell you more than you can stand when he presents the program this month. The first of the year Stu organized the Tennessee Precancel Society with headquarters here in Knoxville. Membership is growing and you might want to become a part of it. Find out what it's all about. Got any precancel or perfin stamps? Bring them along to show.

The KPS Executive Board meets on October 30. We have many items on the agenda including a report on Knoxpex 2008. There has been a suggestion that the KPS have a Sunday afternoon meeting each month. What do you think? Daytime is the key here. We have members who cannot attend our regular first Tuesday meetings because they are during the workweek and at night. Maybe you are one who would attend a daytime meeting of the KPS. Let me or any KPS Officer or Board member hear from you.

And then there is the Fifth Tuesday meeting for viewing of the APS Sales Circuit as well as time for swapping, buying and selling stamps. I hope that we can again have the turnout that we had at the last Fifth Tuesday meeting. It was great!! Make plans to attend. Bring a friend.

You can Celebrate Stamp Collecting Month by using commemorative stamps on your mail.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 4, 2007

The September 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. There were 17 members present.

Adriean Mayor, Curator of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park Museum, presented a fascinating program about insects on stamps.

After the program, the business meeting was held. Jim discussed the recent increase in KPS membership and announced that the KPS newsletter mailing list was now up to 59. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Pat Goebel's very detailed treasurer's report, including the financial results of the last 11 Knoxpex shows, was approved.

In old business, everybody was reminded about the Southeastern Stamp Show that will be held in Marietta Georgia on September 28th & 29th. Jim Pettway also mentioned that the K-Town stamp bourse, held in August, had about 70 attendees. Tom Broadhead notified the membership that our honorary member, Nicole Gamble, has married and her last name is now Sanchez. Ralph Dinwiddie announced that Nicole has been added to the mailing list and will receive the October Newsletter.

Bruce Roberts, exhibit chairman for Knoxpex began a workshop on exhibiting at 6:30, which will run through the October, November, and January meetings. Bruce encourages all members to prepare an exhibit.

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New business and information:

- Stu Hanlein will present the program at the October meeting on the subject of precancels.
- Ralph Dinwiddie showed the design for the cover of the October Newsletter. It will feature the recently released Gerald R. Ford stamp.
- Paul Chasteen discussed the proposed formation of the Tennessee Chapter of the German Philatelic Society. Paul is currently a member of the GPS Chapter in Florida and the GPS Chapter in the Carolinas. The first meeting the Tennessee Chapter of the GPS will be held on October 7, 2007. For more information, please call Paul at 865-696-7077.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Ralph Dinwiddie, Newsletter Publisher

News from Chattanooga

Tom Broadhead was the invited program presenter at the Chattanooga Stamp Club's monthly meeting in September and spoke about the balloon mail of the Franco-German war. Twenty-four members attended the meeting, and an important item of business was the decision, approved by the membership, to raise annual dues to \$20. CSC member and Knoxpex exhibitor, Jim Cate, is the new interim president of the Tennessee Postal History Society.

Megaware!!

Linn's (September 10) reports that the Christoph Gaertner auction house in Germany will sell a single stamp and cover lot that weighs 12 tons and fills two entire shipping containers. The minimum bid is 600,000 euros. Details are at www.auktionen-gaertner.de.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp features one of the most famous Americans, Benjamin Franklin. Credited with many inventions, Franklin was the first Postmaster General of the United States. The stamp, Scott 1073, shows Benjamin West's painting "Franklin Taking Electricity from the Sky." It was issued January 17, 1956 in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Franklin's birth.

This month's stamps were donated by Ralph Dinwiddie.



Digital Philately

by Tom Broadhead

Philately is a visual hobby, but it is also a tactile one. Not only is it fascinating to see the many varieties of stamps and covers, but it is also amazing to hold pieces of paper that individually have interesting histories. Seeing pictures of stamps in catalogs, which are increasingly printed in full color, is almost as good as seeing “the real thing” in an exhibit or in our own collections.

The advent of the electronic age has given us access to beautiful images of stamps that we will never see in person, and our own KPS newsletter is full of digital images – some scanned from the actual stamps and covers and others borrowed from the world wide web. A year ago, philatelic exhibiting in the U.S. took an electronic direction with the first competition for “digital philatelic studies” (DPS) held at last October’s Fall Mega Event – a huge stamp show sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA) in New York City. In addition to traditional exhibiting, the ASDA again this year invited the submission of electronic exhibits, and I decided to try my hand at this new format. One great help was the information provided on the ASDA web site www.asdaonline.com, which includes four complete DPS exhibits from last year’s competition.

Several digital formats are possible, and I decided to develop a Power Point presentation for my study of “The



Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris.” I wrote an article about this a few years ago for the KPS newsletter, with the focus on the Alexander III bridge, built 1897-1900 in honor of the Russian Czar Alexander III. This marvel of architecture (4 architects) and art (more than 13 artists were involved in its decoration) is featured on a 100 franc airmail stamp issued in 1949.

Most of my DPS features this stamp, its production proofs, varieties, and postal history. However, my exhibit begins with examples of all French stamps and postal stationery that have ever shown Parisian bridges. Although there are 37 bridges (“ponts” in French) including pedestrian bridges (“passerelles) that cross the Seine River in Paris, they have not

received the philatelic attention that I think they deserve!

The most spectacular depiction of bridges in Paris appears on the 1000 franc definitive airmail stamp issued in 1950. The image below is one from my DPS and shows this stamp with the identified bridges. The details of the design and the engraver’s art allow each bridge to be recognized from the number of arches and the relative locations of other buildings and monuments. The Alexander III bridge is distinctive in having a single span, more than 100 meters long, and it is easily recognized as the bridge farthest in the distance on this stamp. Note, however, that there is an unidentified bridge near the top and a missing bridge in the design.

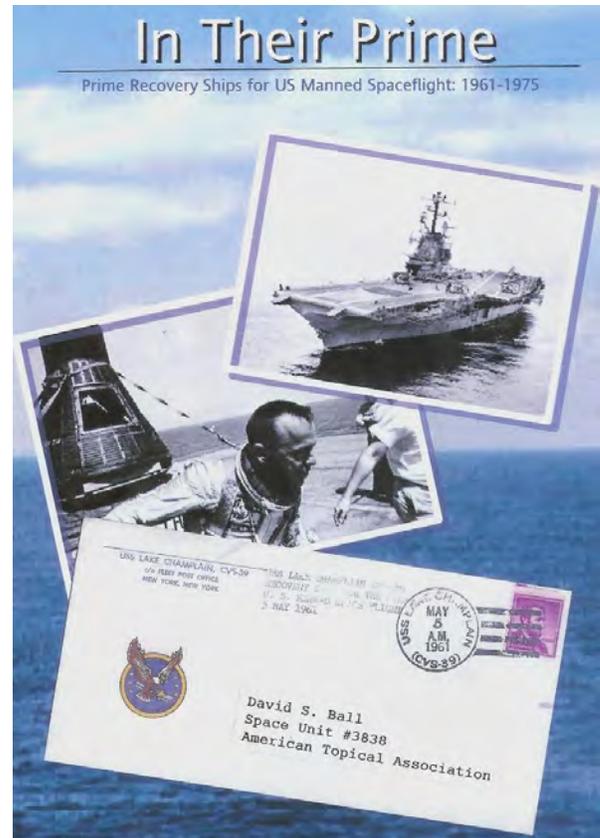


- Pont Alexandre III*
- Pont de la Concorde*
- ?*
- Pont Royal*
- Pont du Carousel*
- Passerelle des Arts*
- Pont-Neuf*
- (Pont au Change)*
- Pont Notre-Dame*
- Pont d’Arcole*
- Pont Louis-Philippe*
- Pont Marie*

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Digital Philately (continued)

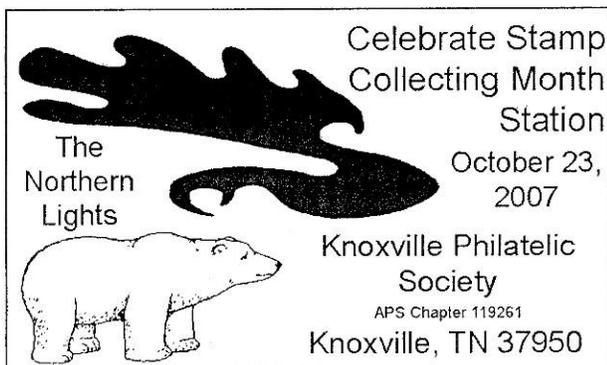
In keeping with our space theme for Knoxpex 2008, I include here the title page for the DPS that was voted the most popular at last fall's Mega Event. David S. Ball's exhibit, "In Their Prime: Recovery Ships for Manned Spaceflight 1961-1975," features photos of the ships that recovered the space capsules from the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo manned space flights of the U.S. The philatelic interest lies in the envelopes cancelled on these ships on the days of their recovery missions. His title page, shown slightly cropped and reduced in size at right includes at top the U.S.S. Champlain and Commander Alan Shepard – the first United States astronaut along with the Mercury 1 space capsule. At the bottom is a photo of an envelope, postmarked on the Champlain, May 5, 1961 – the day of the launch and landing. A handstamp at the left of the cancel indicates that it was the space capsule recovery mission, the upper left corner has the ship's mailing address, and there is an attractive cachet. I encourage you all to visit www.asdaonline.com/index.php?id=57 to see this fascinating exhibit.



The same web page also features links to the three award-winning exhibits - David Herendeen's "Postage Due in Transitional Slovenia" (Grand Prize) and "Postage Due in Bosnia - Herzegovina" (Third place) and Ed Grabowski's Madagascar Postal History (Reserve Grand Prize). Only three awards are given in this competition, and last year's winners are all beautifully displayed collections of spectacular stamps and covers.

Stamp Collecting Month Cancel – October 23

KPS president and our APS representative, Jim Pettway, completed all of the paper work and requests for us to have a special stamp collecting month cancel in Knoxville. A cancel design is produced each year by the APS and is made available to chapters, which must then make the final arrangements with their local post offices.



This year's cancel, available around the time of issue of the Northern Lights stamps, will be available in Knoxville only on October 23. Plans are to have this on next month's newsletter, which will be mailed to you on that date. If you want to get this attractive cancel on some of your own covers, you must take them to the Weisgarber Mail Facility on October 23 and request the cancel. Don't put your covers in one of the drop boxes, or they will only get a standard sprayed on cancel!

5th Tuesday meeting this month – October 30 at 7:00 – trading and swapping, plus a new set of APS Circuit Sales books. KPS Board meeting at 6:00 – all members are invited.

Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, November 6

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Congratulations TGPS

On Thursday, October 11, KPS member Paul Chasteen received the good news from the Germany Philatelic Society (GPS) that a new chapter proposed by Paul had been approved. The Tennessee Germany Philatelic Society (TGPS) thus becomes the latest organization in our area to be chartered as a chapter of an important international philatelic organization. In addition to Paul, we have several other KPS members who are interested in German philately, including Randy and Russ Haese and Tony Torres – all of whom have given excellent programs at past monthly meetings.

I took some time to learn more about the GPS at its web site – www.gps.nu. I really enjoyed the exhibits

page – www.gps.nu/exhibits/index.html, which has seven digital displays ranging from 16 to 128 pages.

Stay tuned for more information from Paul about the new TGPS chapter. Rumor has it that it will meet on selected Sundays, but

Germany Philatelic Society we look forward to learning more about German philately at our monthly KPS meetings.

Don't forget that the program at the November KPS meeting will be "Show and Tell." Bring something old or new from your collection to tell about and show us.

December's monthly meeting will be our annual holiday party. Start thinking about some fun activities and be ready to discuss these at the November monthly meeting.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I am glad that I have the opportunity to write this column before the KPS Executive Board and the KPS Fifth Tuesday meetings on October 30. First I want to make you aware of topics up for discussion at the Board meeting and invite you to communicate your thoughts on any/all of these topics. The board meeting is open to all members.

Topics for discussion: (1) increase in Membership dues from \$10 to \$15-\$20, (2) qualifications for Honorary Membership, (3) a by-law to recognize chapters in the KPS, (4) IRS non-profit status application and Employer Identification Number, (5) publishing the newsletter every other month, and (6) not publishing the newsletter on the website until a month or two after month of the newsletter.

Following the Board meeting is the KPS Fifth Tuesday meeting at 7:00 pm. I hope that we have a turnout as large as the last Fifth Tuesday. We will have APS Sales Circuit books for viewing and purchases – stamps have prices ranging from 5 or 10 cents to \$100 or more. What I found most exciting last time was the many satellite tables members set up to trade and sell their stamps and covers. So, bring philatelic material that you would like to sell and set up a table. This meeting is strictly for buying, selling and trading – no KPS business!

Great things are happening at the Knoxville Philatelic Society. I hope that you will join us on the Fifth Tuesday, October 30 and again next month on the first Tuesday, November 6.

By the way, if you would like to keep up with what's happening during the month just drop me an email at jbpettway@comcast.net and ask that your email address be added to the KPS Email News List.

Jim Pettway



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 2, 2007

The October 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 20 members present.

Stu Hanlein presented an interesting and informative program on precancel collecting. He discussed the history of precancels, the first being used in the 1860's. As part of the discussion, Stu showed his collection of Tennessee, Kentucky & Wisconsin and circulated several catalogs on the subject. Of particular interest was his discussion of the types and towns of precancels. In Tennessee alone there are 422 towns that used precancels and there are 708 different types. Stu is an active member of the Precancel stamp Society. In the future, Stu's presentations will be entitled "*Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Pre-cancel and Much, Much, More!*" It is exciting to hear someone who is so passionate about his collecting interest. That's what makes KPS such a wonderful organization.

At the beginning of the business meeting, Jim Pettway announced that the November meeting will feature a "Show & Tell." Each member is encouraged to bring an item to show and discuss with the members. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Pat Goebel presented the treasurer's report which was approved. The club authorized Pat to roll-over the club's current CD at Suntrust bank at the best rate possible for approximately a one-year term.

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Jim reminded the members of a special cancel for Stamp Collecting Month which will be available at the Weisgarber post office only on October 23.

The KPS executive board meeting will be held at 6 PM on Tuesday, October 30, and will discuss Knoxpex 2008 and an increase in the annual KPS dues. All members are invited to attend and present their views on this and any other subject. Also on October 30, the 5th Tuesday meeting will be held at 7:00, after the board meeting. A new set of APS circuit books will be available, and members are encouraged to bring their own items to sell, trade or barter.

Paul Chasteen told the members of the organizational meeting for the Tennessee Chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society on Sunday, October 7 at Paul's home. Paul encouraged any KPS member with an interest to attend.

As a final item, Paul Chasteen, Loretta Chasteen, and Ralph Dinwiddie spoke of their recent attendance at the Southeastern Stamp Show last month in Atlanta.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Submitted by

Charlie Wade, Secretary

December KPS Meeting

Don't forget that the December KPS meeting will be our annual holiday dinner. This year, it will be at Mandarin House in west Knoxville, located at 8111 Gleason Drive. The restaurant offers an extensive buffet, and the cost per person is \$12.80. Bring your spouse or a guest, along with a philatelic gift (not more than \$5) for the gift exchange. Think of some games to play and stamp stories to tell! Thanks go to Thomas Lane for the arrangements.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamps are a variety of precancelled definitives donated by KPS precancel expert, Stu Hanlein. Precancelled stamps were developed to assist bulk mailers and the post office by applying a printed cancellation on the stamps before they were applied to envelopes or newspaper bands – the most common uses of precancels.

Users of precancels were required to have special permits, which meant that these stamps could not be soaked off and reused by individual mailers. The precancels – the city and state between two parallel bars – were printed on the stamps by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, or sometimes locally at the request of postmasters.



Digital Philately

A Caribbean Philatelic Journey Aboard the RMS Esk, 1904

by Gerald F. Schroedl

Beginning in the 1840s and continuing for more than 100 years the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company carried mail to and from Great Britain and its Eastern Caribbean colonies in the Lesser Antilles. This was largely done on a twice monthly circuit calling at individual islands and ports in northern South America. At first the Caribbean base for the service was Barbados, but this was replaced by St. Thomas and then by Trinidad. In the 1880s the company obtained contracts for interisland service, utilizing three small coastal steamers, the *Solent*, *Eden*, and *Esk*, based in Barbados. The ships were often used interchangeably on one of three different routes. Mail posted on board the ships received distinctive handstamp or manuscript cancels using the ship's name. Covers or stamps with these cancellations are rare and highly prized by Caribbean collectors.



RMS Solent – manuscript and handstamp cancels



RMS Eden – manuscript cancel



RMS Esk – manuscript cancel on pair with accompanying circular date stamp on portion of cover

Shown below is a picture postcard carried on board the *Esk* on at least three trips over a period of nearly five months by a crew member, probably the ship's purser. The card bears postage stamps and markings of fourteen different ports of call visited by the ship while sailing on its inter-colonial route. These include nine British islands and British Guiana, as well as Dutch Surinam, French Guadeloupe, and Danish St. Thomas. Each stamp pays a 1 penny rate or its equivalent. The earliest postmark is July 28, 1904, while the final postmark is 15 December 1904. A St. Lucia one penny stamp on the face of the card is uncanceled and not shown below.



Address side (left) and cropped face side (above) of a postcard carried on board the *RMS Esk* in 1904.

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A Caribbean Philatelic Journey Aboard the RMS Esk, 1904 (continued)

This card is a particularly nice addition to my collection of Caribbean interisland mail because it traveled among so many islands in just a few months and it was carried on board one of the best known interisland steam vessels, the *RMS Esk* in the early 20th century.

Cancellations on the RMS Esk postcard (shown on page 3)

JY 28/04	Dominica (two strikes)	AU 26/04	St. Vincent
8/8/1904	Paramaribo (squared circle)	SP 14/04	St. Kitts
11 AUG/1904	Georgetown, B. Guiana	SP 14/04	Montserrat
AUG 13/04	Barbados	1/11/1904	St. Thomas
AUG 22/1904	La Guaira, Venezuela (three strikes)	NO 2/04	St. Johns, Antigua
AU 25/04	Tobago	15/DEC/04	Basseterre, Guadeloupe
AU 26/04	G.P.O. Grenada	undated	St. Lucia

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Dickinson Airline and CAM 9, Chicago-Minneapolis, 1926

An Article in the October 2007 *American Philatelist* by KPS member, Ron Sarson

Many months ago, this newsletter printed an announcement that KPS member and former treasurer, Ron Sarson, would soon have an article printed in the *American Philatelist*. Ron now lives in Ohio, and we hope that he is enjoying his retirement.

The story of the U.S. Post Office's Contract Air Mail (CAM) is a fascinating and sometimes complicated set of tales, including some tragic ones, about the transport of mail across the U.S. in the 1920s and 1930s. When Ron was still living in Knoxville, we were fortunate to get to see some of his CAM covers at KPS meetings and in his



A later CAM 9 cover to Germany with C.A.M. 9 handstamp at lower left.

exhibits at Knoxpex. Ron's article recounts the challenges faced by the small private Dickinson airline, which received the government contract for CAM 9 in March 1926 to fly mail from Chicago west to Milwaukee, La Crosse, St. Paul, and Minneapolis. On June 6-7, pilots flying Dickinson's small planes made valiant efforts to take the mail west, facing strong headwinds, mechanical problems, air sickness, and even a fatal crash.

Those problems with the initial flights ultimately led to Dickinson airlines going out of business later that year, and CAM 9 was later taken over by Northwest Airways. Read all about it in Ron's great article!

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Surprises from the USPS!

Each year, our federal postal service brings us new things – some are pleasant surprises, others are not. This year has seen some very attractive stamp issues, and the appearance of the “forever” stamps with the Liberty Bell design. Although I don’t collect recent U.S. stamps, I enjoy using commemoratives on mail that I send to philatelic friends. Articles in *Linn’s Stamp News* this year have highlighted some good and bad aspects about new stamps. Of course, good and bad are relative terms, and you may not agree with my characterizations!

One piece of unfortunate news is the lack of the water-release backing on some recent self-adhesive stamps, including the Gerald Ford stamp – making them impossible to soak without damaging the stamps!

The “forever” stamps exist in three varieties, each printed by a different commercial printer. They vary in the width of the bell, the darkness of the “forever” inscription at the right, and in the microprinted “forever” on the wooden top of the bell. Can we expect future “collectible varieties?” Are they necessary? Oh, and *Linn’s* reported last summer that a man bought \$8,000 of these stamps as a hedge against inflation! But wait! In the November 26 *Linn’s*, Bill McAllister reports that the letter rate will increase to 42 cents next year – an almost 2.5% increase in the value of all of the hoarder’s stamps!

The Christmas knits stamps, shown on page 4 will have 3 Scott-numbered varieties, based on stamp size and perforations that characterize the 3 formats: panes of 20, vending booklets of 20, and ATM panes of 18. If you like common varieties of the same design, these will fill your bill. Happy collecting to all!

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

If you weren’t one of the 20 people attending November’s KPS meeting then you missed out. In addition to our regular attendees, it was good to have long time member Ralph Lovell and recent member Gary Rehberg at this meeting. We also welcomed from Ohio our newest member Tom Ringenbach. I hope that Tom will share some of his collections of stamps and Ohio postal history with us in coming months, as well as exhibiting at Knospex 2008. We also had a visitor, member prospect, Carly Baskette. Carly purchased a be-ginner stamp collection at a recent UT book sale and is interested in making stamp collecting her hobby.

Before our business session members took advantage of Show and Tell time by telling the story behind a stamp related subject they brought to show. Teaching, learning, sharing stories, and stamp collecting fun are ahead at the next KPS meeting and you have the opportunity to be a part. Join us at the Christmas Party (info elsewhere in this newsletter) this month and make the KPS meetings a regular outing each month in 2008.

Our October 5th Tuesday meeting was not the best attended, but it was good. Eight members viewed the APS sales books, and most made purchases. Then prior to the regular November meeting a few more made purchases from the books. Each time we have a 5th Tuesday and at following regular meeting, several members are able to find some stamps or covers in the APS circuit books to add to their collections. Don’t forget, we have a 5th Tuesday at the end of January!

As this year comes to a close, and new challenges and opportunities await us in the new year, I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 6, 2007

The November 2007 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on November 6, 2007. The formal meeting was preceded by a viewing of the APS circuit books and a session on exhibiting by Bruce Roberts. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 20 members present. Jim introduced two new members and some current members who were not recent attendees.

The program for the month was a “show & tell” in which members were invited to present a topic of stamp collecting interest to the membership. The following members offered their items”

- Jim Pettway – The car magazine, *Drive*, featuring a cover picture and article about stamp collecting
- Tony Torres – A World War II German cover that had spent much time being forwarded – the “most abused” cover in history
- Elaine Evans – A post card for Egypt featuring an historic hotel
- Charlie Wade – Post cards mailed from his recent European trip
- Norm Carlevato – A collection of US plate number coil strips
- Tom Broadhead – A modern French postal cover
- Bruce Roberts – His Grand Award from the recent OKPEX exhibition

After the program, the business meeting was held. Jim reminded all that the December meeting will be the annual Christmas party. Each member is encouraged to

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KPS Officers:

President	Jim Pettway
Past President	Mike Kauffman
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Treasurer	Pat Goebel
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Bruce Kinney, Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, Charlie Wade
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

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attend and bring a spouse or friend. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Pat Goebel presented the treasurer’s report which was approved.

A motion was presented to increase KPS annual dues to \$15 per household effective January 1, 2008. After much discussion the motion was passed. This will require a revision to the club’s constitution. A motion was passed to recognize KPS members, who are at least 70 years old and have at least 20 consecutive years of KPS membership, as Life Members who will not be required to pay dues, effective January 1, 2008.

There was discussion of delaying posting the newsletter on the website. After discussion, a “straw poll” of the members indicated a preference to continue to post it at the time of mailing to members. There was also a discussion of formally including other stamp collecting organizations in KPS as “affiliates.” It was concluded not to take action at this time.

The January KPS meeting would be on Tuesday, January 1, and Jim Pettway will investigate the availability of the meeting room for the second Tuesday in January.

Announcements included Bruce Roberts’s Grand Award at Okpex and Tom Broadhead’s 3rd place award for his digital exhibit at the Fall Mega Event in New York. More news of these will be in the January newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

December KPS Meeting

This month’s KPS meeting will be our annual holiday dinner, at Mandarin House at 8111 Gleason Drive in west Knoxville. The cost per person is \$12.80. Bring your spouse or a guest, along with a philatelic gift (not more than \$5) for the gift exchange.

Stamp of the Month

This month we go across the Atlantic Ocean for a stamp of the month from the Netherlands. The 5 cent definitive (Scott 127) is part of a set featuring one of the longest reigning monarchs in European history, Queen Wilhelmina. She became queen at the age of 10 in 1890 and ruled until 1948, when she abdicated the thrown to her daughter, Juliana. She died in 1962.



This month’s stamps are part of the large gift to KPS made by former president and new honorary member, Nicole Sanchez.

Imagine That!



Here is a beautiful postal history cover (reduced image) that appeared in the October 22 auction of Lugdunum Philatelie with a 35,000 euro minimum bid. It was mailed in 1860 at Frederiksted, Danish West Indies, through the British Post Office at St. Thomas, on to Panama, where it crossed overland (no canal then) and then by ship to San Francisco and onward by sea to its destination – Lahaina, Sandwich Islands, North Pacific. Lahaina is on the Hawaiian island of Maui. What an incredible journey!!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting - October 30, 2007

The Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) Executive Board met on October 30, 2007 at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, TN. The meeting was called to order by KPS President Jim Pettway at 6:15 pm. President Jim Pettway, Vice-President Ralph Dinwiddie, and Director Thomas Lane were the only board members in attendance. KPS members present were Tom Broadhead, Gerald Schroedl, and Richard Ehrlich. Jim Pettway suggested that since there were only three board members present any decisions by the board members present be put in the form of a motion and voted on by the members at the November KPS meeting.

Jim Pettway made a motion to raise the KPS membership dues from \$10.00 to \$18.00 per year beginning January 1, 2008. After discussion the board agreed to raise annual dues to \$15.00.

Jim Pettway proposed that the KPS recognize KPS members who have been members of the KPS for at least 20 consecutive years and attained the age of 70, as Honorary Life Members and pay no dues. After brief discussion the board agreed voted to approve the proposal.

As a cost cutting measure and reduction of labor, Jim Pettway proposed that the KPS News be changed from a monthly publication to being published only for the months of January/February, March/April, May/June/ July, August/September, October (Stamp Collecting Month), and November/December. Newsletter editor Tom Broadhead and newsletter publisher Ralph Dinwiddie offered to

continue to produce the newsletter on a monthly basis, and it was decided to continue publishing monthly.

The board also decided to publish the newsletter on the KPS website one month following the newsletter issue month. The newsletter and cachet cover are a membership benefit and publishing the current newsletter online free to all diminishes the paid membership benefit.

Jim Pettway proposed that, on an individual basis, and with approval by the KPS membership, stamp clubs and societies could become KPS affiliates. Affiliate organizations would pay \$25.00 dues per year. Benefits of affiliate club membership would include but not be limited to:

- (1) Space at Knoxpex for club meeting
- (2) Space at Knoxpex for exhibits and club award in judging
- (3) Inclusion of chapter news, specifically club articles in the KPS News (one page)
- (4) Special recognition of specialty lots grouped for the affiliate club (e.g., all German material grouped together; all precancel material grouped together).

Jim Pettway told the board that he had researched the possibility of the KPS applying to the Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status. He found that there is a lot of paperwork required both in the beginning and in the long term, as well as a fee. He concluded that it was too much work and responsibility to obtain and keep this status. Board members agreed.

KnoxPex 2008 Chairman Gerald Schroedl gave a report on the upcoming March show. Gerald reviewed a checklist and updated the board with where everything stood. Some highlights: advertising has started, the theme has been chosen, the show cachet is in the final stages, location and contract have been signed and dealers have made reservations. The show is on schedule with the next report to come at the Executive Board meeting in January 2008.

Jim Pettway adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Jim Pettway, President
for Charlie Wade, Secretary

The First Christmas Stamps

The world's first Christmas stamps were probably unintended. Canada's two 1898 stamps were planned to commemorate the uniform imperial postage rates across the vast expanse of the British Empire, but the "XMAS 1898" inscription makes them the world's first Christmas stamps! Austria followed with a Christmas stamp in 1937, Brazil in 1939, Hungary in 1941, and the United States in 1962.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 4

Season's Greetings – by Tom Broadhead

„Tis the season to celebrate many holidays, and the USPS has a great range of stamps available for this time of year, plus some great information on its web site – www.usps.com. All images below are ©2007 USPS, All Rights Reserved, and come from the USPS site. Here are the current stamps available – I included the “celebrate” stamp because it sums up the whole feeling of the season!



If these stamps are not enough to get you in the holiday philatelic spirit, how about some postal cancels from special places? The USPS lists places like Antler, ND; Rudolph, OH; Frost, TX; Snowflake, AZ (have they ever seen a snowflake?); Snow Shoe, PA; Holly, MI; Evergreen, NC; Spruce, MI; and Garland, TX. There are also Star, NC; Angels Camp, CA; Shepherd, MT; Wiseman, AR; Bethlehem, PA; St. Joseph, MO (my home town); St. Mary, KY; and Christmas, FL.

Here are some more fun facts from the “Holiday Press Room” at www.usps.com.

- 232 - number of years the U.S. Postal Service has been delivering holiday cheer.
- 2.7 billion - number of holiday stamps the Postal Service printed this year.
- Holiday cards have been popular since 1875, when Louis Prang, a lithographer and German immigrant who settled in Boston, published his first holiday card for customers.
- The U.S. Postal Service issued the first holiday stamp in 1962. The green and red 4-cent stamp featured a wreath, two candles and the words “Christmas 1962.”
- About 60 percent of all holiday cards are mailed during the first two weeks of December.
- About 15 percent of Americans mail their holiday cards AFTER New Year’s Day.
- The Postal Service will deliver 20 billion cards, letters and packages between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. On average, the Postal Service processes 703 million pieces of mail every day. During the holidays, that volume will increase to 1.7 billion pieces of mail.
- The Postal Service will process more than 20 million pounds of mail for delivery to military installations around the world, including war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 8