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Happy New Year!

Last year was a great one for the Knoxville Philatelic Society: a highly successful *Knoxplex* 2005 and many orders for our cachet honoring Jonas Salk's polio vaccine, increases in our membership, members' success exhibiting, an APS award for our 2004 newsletter, outstanding programs at our monthly meetings, and our 25th anniversary! Let's see if we can top those accomplishments in 2006.

Here are some agenda items for all of us to consider in the new year. *Knoxplex* is on the way the first weekend in March, and show chair Gerald Schroedl needs many volunteers to ensure a successful show. One of the highlights of *Knoxplex* is the live auction – if you have philatelic items you don't want, get them ready and send the completed form (or two!) to Gerald. A top priority for *Knoxplex* is exhibits, and all KPS members should give this some consideration.

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Let's all pitch in, come to the monthly meetings, and make 2006 a banner year for KPS!

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Is it Genuine?

Have you ever wondered about proof that a rare stamp or cover is the real thing? A scan through some of the big auction house catalogs almost always shows some items with a "certificate" from the American Philatelic Society's expertising service or from the Philatelic Foundation. There are many accredited philatelic experts around the world, and Russ Haese provides us with a web site for information about experts and expertising:

www.filatelia.fi/experts

If you have checked the web pages of some of the international experts and are having a tough time reading the information in their native languages, Russ recommends Altavista's "Babelfish" site:

<http://babelfish.altavista.com>

which lets you cut and paste or type in a word, phrase, or a few sentences in another language and translate it into English – or vice versa!

E-Bay Treasures

Here is an interesting item I saw on e-Bay. Postmarked January 1, 1935, it has a cachet showing "Baby New Year." The start bid was 99¢, and it sold for just that, plus \$1.00 shipping on December 9.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 5, 2005

KPS celebrated its annual holiday party at Ramsey's Cafeteria. President Bruce Roberts was master of ceremonies and Lillard Harvey played Santa during the gift exchange. (photos by Bruce Roberts, Jim Pettway)



The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals, \$12.00 for families, and \$2.00 for youth 17 years of age and under. Requests for information and submissions for the newsletter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

KPS Officers:

President	Bruce Roberts
President-Elect	Ken Korp
Treasurer	Richard Ehrlich
Assistant Treasurer	Phil Ford
Secretary	Tom Broadhead
Directors	Norm Carlevato, Ralph Dinwiddie, Charles Klinstiver, Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting – November 29, 2005

The KPS Board of Directors met November 29, at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church. President Bruce Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Gerald Schroedl, Knoxpex Show Chair, reviewed the work needed in the immediate future. Top priorities are plans for publicity, awards for exhibits, and the banner and signage. Tom Broadhead has placed an ad with the American Philatelic Society and was directed to purchase as many weeks as possible in *Linn's*.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the consideration of proposals for changes to the KPS constitution. Changes approved at the Board Meeting appear in this newsletter. They will also be discussed at the January KPS membership meeting and will be voted upon at the February meeting. Richard Ehrlich will have complete copies of the KPS by-laws available at the January and February meetings.

Following the Board Meeting, members adjourned for an enjoyable 5th Tuesday swap. Several members brought albums and individual stamps to sell and trade.

Submitted by
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

In the News

Bruce Roberts recently published a paper, "An Ohio Cover Critical to an Arkansas Postal History Exhibit" in the *Ohio Postal History Journal* (No. 113, p. 10-12). The article describes a letter, mailed to Arkansas at the critical time after May 31, 1861, when the U.S. suspended mail service to the Confederacy. As a result, the letter was sent to the Dead Letter Office, marked 3 cents due, and probably returned to the sender. This envelope is important historically in Bruce's award winning exhibit of early Arkansas postal history.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is an example of a United States revenue, Scott #R237, the 40c documentary stamp. This stamp was issued in 1917 and continued in use until 1940, when it was over-printed. Thanks go to Bruce Roberts for donating this month's stamp.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Constitution – Proposed Revisions

The following are changes proposed to KPS constitution, approved by the Executive Board November 29.

Article IV Section 1 (existing). The officers of the Society shall be a President, a President-elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. These officers, plus five Directors, one of whom shall be the immediate past president, shall constitute the Executive Board and shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and bylaws as by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Motion 1. Eliminate the elected position of Assistant Treasurer. Moved – Pettway, Seconded – Dinwiddie, Passed 6-0.

Motion 2. Change the name of the office of President-elect to Vice President. Moved – Pettway, Seconded – Dinwiddie, Passed 5-1.

Section 1 (proposed). The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers, plus five Directors, one of whom shall be the immediate past president, shall constitute the Executive Board and shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and bylaws as by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Summary Motion. Remove all references to Assistant Treasurer in the Constitution and change all references to President-elect to Vice President. Moved – Pettway, Seconded – Dinwiddie, Passed 6-0.

Section 9 (proposed). In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice President shall succeed in office. A thirty day notice shall be given the Society, after which time a new Vice President shall be elected.

Section 10 (proposed). In the event of the resignation of both the President and Vice President, the Nominating Committee shall be advised and shall search for replacements. An election date shall be set after a thirty day notice has been given to the Society either by special notice or publication in the newsletter.

Article VI, Section 5 (proposed). In the unlikely event of the absence from a meeting of both the President and Vice President, the Secretary shall preside and call for the election of a chairperson pro tempore who shall conduct the meeting.

Article VIII, Section 1 (proposed). All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer, or, in his/her absence, by either the President or the Vice President.

Section 3 (proposed). All KPS expense bills or vouchers requiring payment greater than \$50.00, unless specifically budgeted, shall be approved by the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice President.

Section 6 (proposed). The Treasurer shall present an annual report for each calendar year at the regular, first Tuesday in January meeting, or at the next first Tuesday meeting if, for any reason, the January meeting is cancelled.

Article IV, Section 4 (existing). The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, their term of office to begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. With the exception of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, no person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Motion 3. Replace the first clause of the first sentence to read "An officer shall be elected by ballot to serve for a one year term." Moved – Roberts, Seconded Dinwiddie, Passed 6-0.

Motion 4. Delete the phrase "or until their successors are elected." Moved – Ehrlich, Seconded – Dinwiddie, Passed 6-0.

Section 4 (proposed). An officer shall be elected by ballot to serve for a one year term. An officer's term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which he/she is elected.

Article IV, Section 6 (existing). No member shall hold more than one elective office at a time.

Motion 5. Replace the existing section with "When a member of the Executive Board holds more than one position, his/her vote on issues brought before the Executive Board shall be counted only once, not for each office." Moved – Pettway, Seconded – Ehrlich, Passed 6-0.

Section 6 (proposed). When a member of the Executive Board holds more than one elective office, his/her vote on issues brought before the Executive Board shall be counted only once, not for each office.

Please review these proposals, which will be discussed at the January KPS meeting.

A vote of the KPS membership on these proposals will take place at the February KPS meeting.

I have a date with a Revenue Stamp

by Bruce Roberts

For several years, I have had a not very secret “secret.” I have been dating revenue stamps. Lots and lots of them. Revenue stamps in the US all started in 1862 when funds were needed in a hurry to finance the War Between the States. There was no income tax so taxes were quickly levied on nearly all legal transactions, such as mortgage transfers, contracts, bank checks, and trade of all kinds. Stamps were issued to serve as receipts for the payment of the taxes. Stamps for taxes on documents are called Documentaries. Stamps for taxes on merchandise, such as perfume, matches, and medicine are called proprietaries.



This is a lovely example of a Bank Check documentary. To me the important thing is not the stamp, but the date on the stamp, March 20, 1863. You see, I am collecting the dates, with the stamps as a delivery vehicle. The documentary revenues were first used in late September 1862, and their use was discontinued on December 31, 1967. So I have chosen this period for my collection, and I am attempting to get all the different dates from this period – there are nearly 40,000!

It is ideal if the date is hand stamped and is legible without the use of a magnifier. Also a challenge is finding the complete date on the stamp. Many stamps have partial dates such as “9, 1925” with no way to know the month, or “MAR 13, 19” with no clue as to what the year is. More than half the stamps I see do not have any part of a day on them at all. So I comb through dealer’s boxes looking for cheap revenues with dates I need, and I occasionally buy mixed lots of revenues at auction.



At right is another of the documentaries. The Union finished the war deep in debt, so the wartime taxes continued for many years afterward. This is a \$2.50 used in 1871, with the date stamp “inverted.” The nice thing about the date is that when you hold it in your hand, you know when the stamp was used – similar to a date stamp on a postage stamp.

During the 11 years from June 30, 1883 to the summer of 1894 there were no documentary or proprietary taxes (a golden age for tax payers) so this period is very challenging for me to located dates on stamps. So I turn to another type of revenue; the “tax paid” stamp.



Shown at left is a Cigarette tax stamp, used to tax a specific number of cigarettes at the time they were packed. This type of stamp is often referred to as a “tax paid” because it has no inscribed monetary value. These were overprinted with the date they were released, not the day they were used. In this case the date is January 1, 1892, but that is fine with me as a collectible date.

As time went on, Federal tax stamps were printed for specific purposes. The stamp shown here is a Narcotics tax stamp used Sept 23, 1921. The tax was paid by druggists when they purchased narcotics for their stock.



The United States has issued a wide range of revenue stamps covering many uses and issued in many values. The lowest denomination was the 1/8 cent Proprietary issued during the Spanish American War in 1898 and the highest were the \$10,000 Stock Transfer stamps of 1944-1951.

At the top of the next page is a \$1000.00 Stock Transfer stamp used on August 10, 1925. Unlike postage stamps, Revenues can have very high values since the transactions, such as this stock transfer, often involved



large amounts of money, and the tax on the transaction was far beyond the charges to carry mail.

A more recent revenue issue is shown by the Boating tax stamp cancelled in Middlesboro, KY in 1960.



Not all dates on revenues are hand stamps. Indeed the majority of dates are hand written, such as the \$30.00 documentary stamp shown at right with the written date 1-13-22.

I also use state revenues for obtaining dates that I need. Below at left is a Florida Grapefruit Advertising stamp used April 22, 1936, and next to it is a Malt Liquor tax stamp from Ohio used Nov 23, 1936. Used across the country from each other, 8 months apart, they come together on adjacent pages in my collection.



And here is a part of a document with both US Documentary revenues and Commonwealth of Massachusetts state revenues collecting Federal and State taxes on the same document on May 18, 1916.



I mount these beauties and thousands of others in a set of stock books, reserving three rows of mounting pockets for each month, beginning with October 1862 and continuing through 7 large stock books to December 1967. I now have somewhere between 8,000 and 10,000 different dates. I have three Christmas uses (they are rare), and a stamp used the day I was born.

As a gift to all of you, and perhaps to stir your interest in this method of revenue collecting, I gathered copies of the 40 cent Documentary revenue, Scott #R237 with complete, legible dates and gave them to the club to use as the January "Stamp of the Month." This stamp was part of an issue first printed in 1917 and was in continuous use until remainders were overprinted "Series 1940" that year. So this stamp and its siblings, are important for collecting dates during this period. Your copy may have a hand stamp or a manuscript cancel. It may require magnification to see it. Once you know your "date," try finding out what was happening in the world that day. Your interest may be stirred. If anyone wants a starter collection of revenues with dates, I have plenty of duplicates!

Now you have a "date" with a revenue stamp, but I am going steady with all of them!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 3

Dues are Due!

KPS dues remain the same for 2006 - \$10.00 for individuals, \$12.50 for a family membership, and \$2.00 for youth members. Don't forget to fill out the membership form included in this newsletter and send it along with your payment to KPS. Better yet, save 37¢ or even 39¢ and bring your form and dues payment to the January KPS meeting.

What do you receive for your dues as a KPS member? To start with, you get the KPS Newsletter, mailed to you in one of the beautiful cachets that Ralph Dinwiddie creates each month. That alone is worth it. But, there's more. You can share in the enjoyment of our hobby and learn more about stamps at the monthly meetings. As a KPS member, you also have the privilege of putting lots up for sale in the annual Knoxpex live auction. You can exercise your creativity as a program presenter, article writer for the newsletter, or through your ideas, suggestions, and help at meetings and at Knoxpex. Don't wait until February, pay your dues now!

The World's Ugliest Stamp?

What do you think? Is this stamp, issued by France in 1925, the ugliest stamp in the world? Even if you don't think so, many collectors and writers at that time thought that it was. Come to the January KPS meeting to hear the real story in Tom Broadhead's program. You might want to bring an example of a stamp that you think is especially unattractive.



5th Tuesday Meeting – January 31

The KPS Board will meet at 6:00 pm, followed by a trade and swap at 7:00. Board meeting topics will focus on preparations for Knoxpex 2006. All KPS members may attend Board meetings.

How I got started.

Like most philatelists, Gerald Schroedl started stamp collecting as a youngster. His older brother gave him an album, and he got stamps from his uncle's business, bought approvals through the mail, kiloware at Woolworth's, traded stamps with friends, and was in the junior high stamp club. He liked stamps from British colonies and enjoyed figuring out where in the world different countries were located.

In 7th grade his interest turned to US stamps and he gave his worldwide collection to his younger sister. Some of his paper route earnings bought mint unhinged US stamps, and he rode the bus to Portland, Oregon to go to stamp stores. Particularly memorable were a 5¢ Norse-American and a 5¢ Huguenot-Walloon, that he still has. But, his mother was upset with him for spending so much money on them (the Huguenot Walloon cost \$7.50). He met a man from Squaw Valley California, who for several years sent worldwide stamps. When the winter Olympics were held in Squaw Valley in 1960, he sent first day covers of the Winter Olympics stamp.

Through 10th grade he would bicycle 3 miles to the post office to purchase new issues and plate blocks. Attending his first national stamp show in Portland in 1960, he bought his first piece of postal history, a 2 cent Columbian embossed envelope.

Completing high school, college and graduate school, as so many collectors do, Gerald stopped collecting. When he moved to Tennessee he re-summed collecting, purchasing stamps from the Brookshiers, from advertisements, and at Knoxpex. It didn't take too long to discover that the stamps he needed were expensive, and he became disillusioned with 19th century US stamps, once he realized how many had been altered or repaired.

About that time he met Paul Phillips (former club member), who introduced him to postal history, and exhibiting. Gerald began to collect the British Caribbean, especially covers sent from one island to another in the Lesser Antilles. He had always liked British Colonies stamps, and now had the opportunity to travel and work on several Caribbean islands. Later he added stamps and postal history from French West Africa. Gerald continues to enjoy philately, and what attracted him to it as a youngster still appeals to him today—stamps and covers are a never-ending source of information and fascination about history, geography, and culture.

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, February 7.

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It's Time to Rock and Roll!

Yes, friends Knoxpex 2006 – a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Rock & Roll is coming up in little more than a month. *Don't Be Cruel* – pitch in as a volunteer and help make our show a success. Right now, I am looking for something to *Be My Little Good Luck Charm*, so that my auction lots will all sell. We will need many volunteers at the live auction on Saturday night, March 4 so that we don't have to *Rock Around the Clock* to collect payments and give lots to the winning bidders.

We have a great bourse with 12 dealers, but if you don't find what you want, don't get *All Shook Up*. Keep looking around and you are sure to find some treasures if you are willing to be *The Wanderer* in the bourse. A top priority for *Knoxpex* is exhibits, and all KPS members should consider showing what they collect.

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New Postal Rates

On January 8, US postal rates went up – again. Notice that it took a 39¢ stamp to mail you this newsletter, a little more than a 5% increase. And it's still a number that will confound us when we are trying to do “mental math” purchasing odd numbers of stamps.

Although 5% seems a little steep, don't forget that most postal rate increases have been at a higher percentage than that. On July 6, 1932, the US domestic letter rate jumped a whopping 50% from



2¢ to 3¢. The next increase, on August 1, 1958 from 3¢ to 4¢ was a huge 33% and the January 7, 1963 increase from 4¢ to 5¢ was 25%.

Here is the new 39¢ non-denominated stamp.

E-Bay Treasures

Here is an interesting item I saw on e-Bay. It's an Elvis souvenir sheet from Zaire. The start bid was 99¢,



and it sold for just that, plus \$1.00 shipping on December 9. We will use U.S. Elvis stamps on our Knoxpex cachet this year!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 3, 2006

The January 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Kingston Pike in Knoxville. Fourteen (14) members attended.

President Bruce Roberts opened the meeting at 7:40 pm, and Tom Broadhead presented a program about a French commemorative stamp from 1925 that had been criticized in the philatelic press as being particularly ugly. Several KPS members offered their choices of unattractive US stamps, and some of these will appear in a future newsletter.

The business meeting opened at 8:00 pm. Treasurer Richard Ehrlich made a preliminary report of 2005 finances, and president Bruce Roberts thanked Richard for his outstanding efforts as treasurer. The principal new business was the revision of the constitution and bylaws. A copy of changes approved by the Board was included in the January newsletter, and a vote of the membership will take place at the February regular meeting. Richard Ehrlich summarized the changes, and Dave Tower suggested that an additional revision is necessary to exclude the persons occupying the offices of president and treasurer from holding additional elected positions in the Society.

Old business focused on preparations for Knoxpex, and Russ Haese proposed that the youth program focus on topical collecting to draw interest to subjects in which potential young collectors already are interested. Russ and Randy Haese offered to provide exhibit pages, mounts, and commemorative sets for this purpose. Mike Kauffman also offered stamps and volunteered to underwrite the cost of gift certificates at dealer

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tables so that young collectors could earn the certificates through their activities at the show. Jim Pettway described The ASDA children's albums that are available and was looking into obtaining copies.

Bruce Roberts asked about members planning to exhibit and indicated that there would be a wide range of exhibit types from half frame to multi-frame. Jim Pettway reported that he had sent an advertisement to Global Stamp News and to the Virtual Stamp Club. KPS will attempt to get approval from the Knoxville postmaster to have posters displayed in area post offices.

Bruce Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

Send Your News and Articles

If you have an article for the newsletter or some great philatelic news, send it to Tom Broadhead at the KPS address or by e-mail – check the box at lower left for both addresses!

In the News

Former KPS president Nicole Pendleton (now Nicole Gamble) was featured in the Winter 2006 issue of the *Tennessee Alumnus*. Nicole is the director of the Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center at Calloway Gardens, Georgia. During her years in Knoxville, Nicole was an active KPS member and an award winning topical exhibitor.



Her personal interest in parrots (she has two) translated into a topical exhibit. Nicole was an APS volunteer last winter at AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta.

Stamp of the Month

Here is an example of one of the United States workhorse definitives – the name giver of the 1950's "Liberty Series."

This stamp served many purposes from unsealed letters to postcards. The newest U.S. liberty stamp appears on page 1 and brings you this month's newsletter



U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE BEER STAMPS

by Kenneth L. Korp

I started collecting beer revenue stamps after a local stamp dealer showed me some examples. They appealed to me because of the large size, colors and designs on the early series, mostly printed before 1900. The first series was released in 1866 and continued through 1951 with a total of 20 major design types, plus four overprint types listed in the Scott catalogue. Scott numbers run from #REA1 - #REA199 with many listed varieties pertaining to paper type, paper color, plate differences and surcharges. All were issued in imperforate sheets, and the early circular designs are more expensive cut as squares.

The first series, issued in 1866, paid taxes on six sizes, from 1/8 barrel to 1 hogshead (2 barrels) with a tax rate of \$1.00 per barrel. Fractional values are common, and the 12 1/2 cent stamp shown here (Scott REA1) paid for 1/8 of a barrel. Both the 1866 and 1867 issues were circular, and all later series were square or rectangular. In 1867 a denomination – 33 1/2 cents – was added for a new size, 1/3 barrel, making a total of 7 sizes. This is one of the most valuable beer stamps, as indicated by the Scott catalogue. The seven denominations and barrel sizes continued unchanged through the 1878 series, with six different issues.



The 50 cent stamp at shows a blue cancel (



The beer tax rate was doubled in 1898 to \$2.00 per barrel due to the Spanish American War, but was reduced to \$1.00 per barrel in the 1902 series. In 1914, under an emergency tax act, the barrel tax increased to \$1.50 and the number of denominations sizes increased to ten – the largest being a \$37.50 tax on 25 barrels. Then in 1917 the tax was increased to \$3.00 per barrel and then again to \$6.00 a barrel. The number of sizes was reduced to 9 in 1934.

From the first series through the 1916 series, beer stamps showed both the monetary value of the stamp and the quantity of beer taxed. However, beginning with the 1933 issue through

the last issue in 1951, stamps only showed the quantity of beer. The last beer stamp, Scott REA199, is an overprinted version of the 25 barrel stamp of the 1933 series and represented a cost of \$225, or \$9.00 per barrel. Over the nearly 100 years of use, beer taxes increase nine-fold, whereas postage remained the same at 3 cents for a letter!

One of my favorite pieces in my collection is an imperforate block of REA198a, the brown 500 barrel stamp of the 1947 series. Each stamp is canceled with a cut out center, a type of cancellation utilized extensively beginning with the 1933 series. This block of 4 represents two thousand barrels, and at a rate of \$8.00 per barrel, the total tax represented by this block is \$16,000.

Beer stamps were used by gluing them over the tap holes of beer kegs. Used postage stamps on cover have always been saved on letters, post cards, parcel wrappers found in the attic, in a trunk, or a box safe from damage. Not so for beer stamps. “On cover” means that the stamp was on a keg, exposed to all kinds of damage and possible destruction. Being located on the tap hole, beer stamps usually were damaged or destroyed, when the keg was tapped. In addition to those damaged, a substantial percentage was destroyed along with the keg as was required by law. Therefore, the surviving stamps

in very fine condition are not common. The Scott catalogue notes this typical damage in its introduction and indicates that listed prices are for stamps with minor damage. Flaws that do not detract from value originated from cutting the imperforate stamps from sheets, tears and thins caused during removal from the kegs, and stains from the beer. In the 20th century, most stamps were canceled by perforations and hand stamps, with cut out centers becoming a common form of cancellation on high value issues beginning with the 1933 series.



Early beer stamps show the most intricate designs. The used stamp at left is from the 1871 series and shows Civil War hero William T. Sherman. The example on the right from the 1875 series shows the Roman god Bacchus serving beer to man.

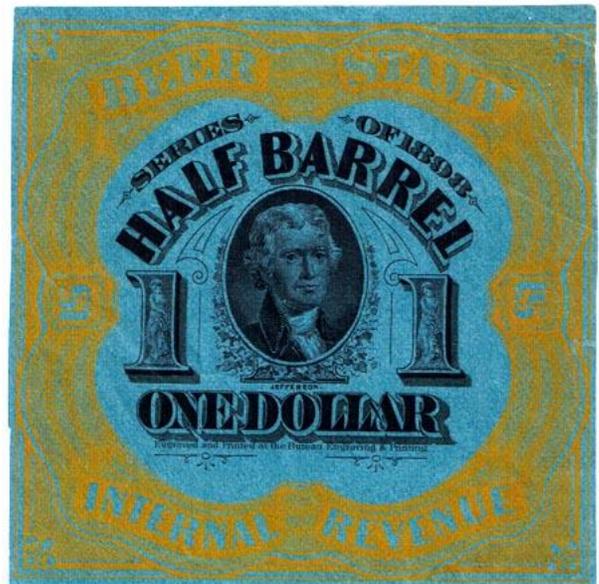


When I started collecting, I thought I would just obtain a type of each series. However, as I started, my interest in the variations of separation (square, die, cut to shape), the different designs on the values, colors, even mint (these are available due to brewers shutting down with an unused supply) and used, got the better of me so now there is no end to it.

A good basic book along with a Scott specialized US catalogue is “ United States Beer Stamps” by Thomas W. Priester, 1990 edition, cost about \$10.00. Most dealers at stamp shows don’t have any beer revenue stock. The best places to obtain these stamps seem to be mail and EBAY auctions, and specialized dealers.



Beer stamps are very large, and examples in this article are all reduced in size. The square ones are about 70 mm on a side. The



rectangular orange stamp of 1934 shown above at left is actually 139 mm wide and 86 mm high. Colors are spectacular, such as the yellow on dark blue paper of 1898 shown above at right.

What's for Sale at *Knoxpex*?

Bill Muenzer has put together a great bourse of 12 dealers. If you want to be sure that your favorite dealers have what you want, write them and send them your want lists!

B&W Stamps
P.O. Box 968
Joelton, TN 37080

Collect'em All
10800 Alpharetta Highway, Suite 645
Roswell, GA 30076

Country Collections
339 Thompson Lane
Rutledge, TN 37861

Dwayne Selix
137 Beth Manor Drive
Prattville, AL 36066-6053

F.A. Stamps
P.O. Box 4051
Shalimar, FL 32579

K-Town Stamps
P.O. Box 53644
Knoxville, TN 37950

Queen City Stamps
P.O. Box 141
LaFayette, GA 30728

R.J. Shultz Stamps
P.O. Box 610
Roswell, GA 30077

Richter Stamp Co.
P.O. Box 603
Athens, OH 45701

The Stamp-Tique, Inc.
17 Lake Lorraine Circle
Shalimar, FL 32579

Trader's Guild
P.O. Box 384
Huntsville, AL 35804-0384

Vest Pocket Philatelist
58 Raccoon Circle
Cherokee Village, AR 72529

Knoxpex 2006

March 4-5

Saturday, 10am-6pm

Live Auction at 6:30pm

Sunday, 10am-4pm

Budget Inn of America
323 N. Cedar Bluff Road
Knoxville, TN 37923

Knoxpex commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Rock & Roll

This year's show cancel, designed by Tom Broadhead shows a five-bar music staff with the inscription "50th Anniversary of Rock and Roll" together with a silhouette of a period-era rock musician holding a guitar. The cancel will be available at the show on Saturday, March 4 and afterward for 30 days at the philatelic window at the main Knoxville post office at Weisgarber Road.



March 4, 2006 Knoxpex Station
Knoxville, TN 37923



This year's cachet promises to be spectacular. Newsletter publisher and cachet designer, Ralph Dinwiddie has been working on several designs that incorporate our theme and its Tennessee connections. One of the stamps that will be used on the cachet will be the 29c Elvis Presley commemorative Scott #2721. Do you have any ideas for an additional stamp or stamps to make the additional 8c?



Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers will be needed on Friday, March 3 beginning at 6:00pm for frame setup and other organizational needs at *Knoxpex 2006*.

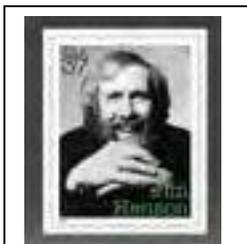
During the show, volunteers will be needed at all times to staff the registration desk. Contact Knoxpex 2006 show chair Gerald Schroedl – gschroe1@utk.edu to offer your help.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 7

I Knew Him before He Was on a Stamp!

by Stu Hanlein

How often is a stamp issued for a person that you actually knew? This happened to me recently with the issuing of the Muppets stamps, which included a stamp honoring Jim Henson. I met Jim when I was a sophomore at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, MD and he was a senior. I joined the drama club and performed in several plays. In order to get enough points to become a member of the National Thespian Society (the honorary drama society) one had to participate in all aspects of the theater.



Jim Henson is one of 11 stamps on the new Muppets sheet.

Consequently, I gladly helped to prepare the sets for our productions. As a stage crewmember, I got a 12 inch wide brush and a bucket of yellow paint to paint all the large flats (background for scenes on stage). When this was done Jim came in with a pallet, brush and yardstick and in a matter of a few hours he had painted whatever scene was required. I was truly amazed at his ability to paint so quickly and so well. On a visit to his home, I saw that he had painted a spectacular crucifixion scene on his bedroom wall. I asked him why he didn't paint it on a canvas or plywood so he could keep it. He replied, in all due modesty, "If I want to, I'll paint it again and I'll do a better job next time."

To earn money to support our drama club we performed at birthday parties in the local area. I vividly remember doing puppet shows with Jim's complicated puppets that had arms and legs, which we operated with strings--a forerunner of the Muppets. I remember his talent and also his pleasant nature with a bunch of younger schoolmates who had similar interests. His success with the Muppets and Sesame Street was a tribute to his talents and interest in younger people. I am glad I had the opportunity to know him and I feel he very richly deserved to be honored on a postage stamp.

How I got started.

Collecting everything in sight, from rocks and shells to leaves and seeds, Tom Broadhead's grandparents might have thought that he needed an indoor hobby. They started him collecting at the age of 7 with a small album and packets of hinges and stamps. The album had mostly blank spaces, but also a few with pictures, and one of Tom's early thrills was finding a stamp that matched one of the pictures!

For a few years, collecting was mostly from mail, old envelopes in the family scrapbooks, and packets purchased at a local bookstore. Tom's first Scott catalog was the 1961 issue, and it provided a great way to learn about history and world geography. In the 1960's, he got hooked on approvals from H.E. Harris, and many birthday presents were purchases by his parents from the Harris U.S. catalog. In high school, his father took him to a stamp show in Kansas City, and he still has the Cape of Good Hope triangle that cost a whole \$6.00.

Collecting was put on hold during college and graduate school, but one night after moving to Knoxville, Tom's wife suggested (which she may since have regretted) that he pick up his hobby again. That led to visits to Brookshiers stamp store and ultimately, joining the KPS. Monthly meetings and Knoxpex have always been enjoyable, and former KPS member Paul Phillips introduced Tom both to the fascination of postal history collecting and to exhibiting. His first exhibit was a single frame of French postcards at Knoxpex in the late 1980's and won an award.

Tom had gotten hooked on French stamps and covers back in high school, but over the last 15 years has pursued that area vigorously. He enjoys buying covers through the French auction houses and got to visit many of them on a trip to France in 2002. You can visit his article about collecting in Paris on the France & Colonies Philatelic Society website – www.drunkenboat.net/FrandCol/pages/exh_frames.html

Bitten by the philatelic bug almost 50 years ago, Tom has been bitten since by the exhibiting bug and the philatelic writing bug. His interest in France spans the post classics period (about 1870) through the early 1950's, but he also enjoys learning about all other areas of philately and collecting.

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Will You Be At Knoppex 2006?

I really enjoy the camaraderie that we share at the monthly KPS meetings, but one of the things I like best about our society is its annual stamp show – Knoppex! You will be getting this newsletter just a few days before our 2006 show, and I hope that it will be a not-so-subtle reminder that we need your help again to make it a success. Many needs have already been fulfilled. We have a great group of dealers, including three cachet dealers. There is an exciting and colorful cachet, which will be sold for only \$2.00 cancelled with stamps – including the 29c Elvis Presley stamp. The show cancel also highlights the show theme – 50th Anniversary of Rock & Roll.

This year, the youth area has been moved to the outer hallway to provide more room, and Russ and Randy Haese have made some spectacular album pages that young collectors can learn how to carefully fill with beautiful pictorial stamps.

As always, we are publicizing the show with the American Philatelic Society and in *Linn's* and *Global Stamp News*. Twenty-six newspapers in eastern Tennessee and adjacent Kentucky and North Carolina got colorful letters asking them to include listings in their community events. Flyers and large posters have been distributed to alert the local public to our show.

Now it's up to you to help at the show. I'll see you there!

Tom Broadhead

~~Lost~~ Stolen and Found

A frontpage article in the February 6 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* reported the discovery of one of the most storied covers in all of United States philately. Stolen from a collector in Indiana in 1967, the only known cover posted with a 90c stamp of the 1869 pictorial series has resurfaced in Chicago and is now in the hands of the FBI.

Addressed to Mr. Joseph H. Bancroft, Ice House, Calcutta, E. Indies, the cover also has a 10c and a 12c stamp of the 1870 series. The 90c is heavily canceled with a black cork cancel, worse than the example shown here. It is also torn in two and has been reattached to the cover. Once the legalities have been determined, we can only hope that the cover will be purchased by an exhibitor who will share this remarkable piece in an exhibit of the 1869 issue at a show.



E-Bay Treasures

Here is an interesting item I saw on e-Bay. With our recent articles by Bruce Roberts and Ken Korp on revenues, I thought it might be good to look for one on



e-bay. Dated May 11, 1869 and initialed by President Ulysses S. Grant – authenticated by the Philatelic Foundation – it sold for a single bid of \$399 + \$7 shipping on February 5, 2006.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – February 7, 2006

The February 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Sixteen (16) members and one guest were present. President Bruce Roberts brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Bruce Roberts asked Knoxpex chair Gerald Schroedl for a report on the show. Gerald reviewed his “check list” with members, asking for volunteers, and a list of volunteer requests was passed around for members to indicate where they would help during the show. All areas of KnoxPex 2006 seemed to be covered and we are on schedule for a successful show.

Russ Haese presented the youth activities proposal that he described last month. Russ designed and prepared 15 computer-generated stamp albums, which would be available, along with stamps, for youth at the youth table. Young collectors would be instructed on selecting and mounting stamps in the albums. Once the albums were completed the youth would receive a \$2.00 certificate that could be presented to purchase stamps at any dealer at the bourse. The KPS would reimburse dealers.

Gerald asked for approval to offer NEW applicants a year’s KPS membership at a reduced rate during the show. Members agreed to reduce the adult membership to \$7.50 and the family membership to \$10.00.

Bruce Roberts collected a list of members planning to enter exhibits at the show and suggested that due to space limits, another location be sought for the live auction. Gerald asked Tom Copas inquire about the availability of another area in the hotel for the auction. Bruce reported that there would be approximately 15 frames this year and this would occupy more space than in previous years. And while on the subject of the live auction it was agreed that any lots that didn’t sell at the Saturday evening of auction and not picked up after the auction would be sold at starting price at the opening of the Sunday bourse.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals, \$12.00 for families, and \$2.00 for youth 17 years of age and under. Requests for information and submissions for the newsletter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

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Following proposed changes to the KPS Constitution and By-Laws read at the January meeting, Richard Ehrlich asked that a vote be taken to accept them. Stu Hanlein moved that all changes be accepted as read except for Article IV, Section 6. Scott Robertson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Following discussion of the wording of Article IV, Section 6, the word “simultaneously” was changed to “concurrently,” and the word “and” between Vice President “and” Treasurer in the first sentence was changed to “or”. Also added was the word “concurrently” following . . . elective office, . . . in the second sentence. This revision will be voted on at the March meeting.

Jim Pettway discussed the Board-approved plan to bring the American Philatelic Society Sales Circuit to the KPS. As an addition to the 5th Tuesday KPS Meeting, which currently consists of buying, selling and trading stamps, Jim will have available the APS Sales Circuit. The first circuit will be available at the 5th Tuesday meeting in May (May 30, 2006). Jim explained details of the circuit and asked that interested members select 3-5 areas of stamp interest from the APS list. Jim will send requests for the most popular areas to APS and the sales circuit will include many or all of these.

Stu Hanlein reminded members of the sales books that he had obtained last year for the club. The Board had approved this purchase with the idea that members would fill the books and pass them among members so that they could make purchases. Bruce Roberts told Stu to bring some of the books to the March meeting.

Bettie Ann Logan asked for members to donate used but good manila stock pages to her church mission stamp program.

Russ Haese asked why the KPS website at www.stampclubs.com (the SEFSC site) wasn’t up to date. More specifically the question was why were not all members’ names and e-mail addresses listed on the members page? Gerald Schroedl told members that Tom Broadhead was working on revising and updating the website but that members had to agree to have their names and information listed. The idea of a membership directory is not new to the KPS, but many members have said that they did not want their addresses and phone numbers listed. This subject will be brought up at a later KPS meeting.

Bruce Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Jim Pettway, Acting Secretary

Stamps of the Month

Here is a complete set of Czechoslovakian stamps, Scott # 288-292, issued in 1945 to commemorate the Czech uprising against the Germans. Shown at right is the high value in the set, showing a Czech patriot. Thanks go to Bill Muenzer for donating this month’s stamps!

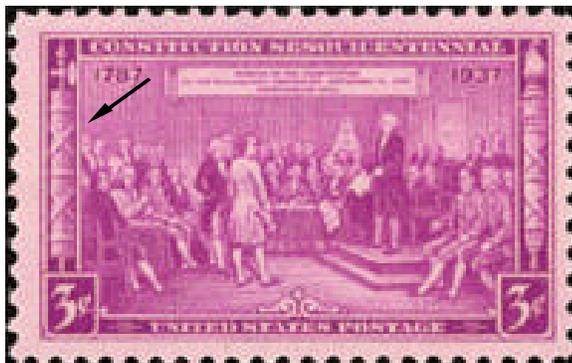


A Little Knoxville-Related History

By Tom Broadhead

When I read the January 23 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, I was intrigued by its mention of William Blount, a signer of the United States Constitution who is buried in Knoxville. Blount signed as a delegate from North Carolina and later became one of Tennessee's founding statesmen.

The *Linn's* article talks about the 1937 Constitution Sesquicentennial Stamp and the fact that there are eight individuals shown who have never been identified. The arrow superimposed on the stamp below shows Blount standing at far left.



It was difficult to find information about the original painting on the internet. It was painted in 1856 by Junius Brutus Stearns and now hangs in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.



Stearns's 37" x 54" painting is titled "Washington as Statesman at the Constitutional Convention.

In 1790, Washington appointed Blount as Governor for the Territory South of the River Ohio (which included Tennessee). In 1796 he presided over the constitutional convention that transformed part of the territory into the State of Tennessee and was elected as one of its first U.S. He also conspired to conquer for Britain the Spanish provinces of Florida and Louisiana and was expelled from the Senate. He later became speaker of the Tennessee state senate, but died in

1799 and was buried at First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville.

I hope to see you at . . .

Knoxpex 2006

March 4-5

Saturday, 10am-6pm

Live Auction at 6:30pm

Sunday, 10am-4pm

Budget Inn of America
323 N. Cedar Bluff Road
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Knoxpex commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Rock & Roll

This year's show cancel, designed by Tom Broadhead shows a five-bar music staff with the inscription "50th Anniversary of Rock and Roll" together with a silhouette of a period-era rock musician holding a guitar. The cancel will be available at the show on Saturday, March 4 and afterward for 30 days at the philatelic window at the main Knoxville post office at Weisgarber Road.



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This year's cachet is spectacular. Newsletter publisher and cachet designer, Ralph Dinwiddie has designed a full-color beauty with a jukebox, platters, and guitars! One of the stamps that will be used on the cachet will be the 29¢ Elvis Presley commemorative Scott #2721. The other two will be the guitar and piano from the 1978-79 coils – Scott #1613 and #1615C.



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This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 7

We Think These Stamps Are Ugly!

by Tom Broadhead

During my program “The World’s Ugliest Stamp,” I asked KPS members if they had stamps that they did not think were attractive. Here are the nominees:

(1) The 1956 Nassau Hall bicentennial – printed on orange paper. Nassau hall is the original building to house Princeton University.



(2) The 1994 tribute to silent film stars, designed by famous cartoonist Al Hirschfeld. The Lon Chaney stamp is below at left.



(3) Padre Félix Varela (above at right) was an important minister and social worker of the early 1800's, who helped many in then already overcrowded areas of New York city.

(4) Mexican artist Frida Kahlo didn't do herself justice in the self portrait (below left). Married to muralist Diego Rivera, she was rumored to have been involved in the axe murder of Russian revolutionary, Leon Trotsky.



(5) Buckminster Fuller (above right) futurist and inventor of the geodesic dome, coined the phrase “Spaceship Earth” for our planet.

Knoxpex Exhibits

Take the opportunity to learn more about stamps and philately at the Knoxpex 2006 exhibit area. Above all, exhibits tell us interesting stories about history and both the production and use of stamps. Here are this year's exhibits.

Multiple frame:

Arkansas Postal History - Territory through Union Occupation – Bruce Roberts

Postal Uses of the Martha Washington 1 1/2 cent Fifth Bureau Issue – Scott Robertson

100 years of Air Mail Postal History in North Carolina – Tony Crumbley

General N.P. Banks – Banks Division & Banks Expedition - James Cate

First Day Issue – 10.9 cent Hansom Cab - James Cate

Single Frame:

Personalities Associated with Pharmacy - Thomas Lane

Twelve Ways of Collecting Christmas Seals - Ralph Dinwiddie

U.S. Internal Revenue Beer Stamps - Ken Korp

First Man on the Moon with Calles - Mike Kaufmann

In the News

KPS cachet designer and newsletter publisher Ralph Dinwiddie was featured in an article that appeared in the February 21, 2006 *Knoxville News Sentinel*. Ralph has a PhD in physics and is employed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in its High Temperature Materials Laboratory. He



used infrared spectroscopy to show that the canvas with the portrait of General John

Porter McCown had earlier been used for a preliminary sketch of a watermill landscape (sideways, shown by arrow). The portrait is believed to have been painted from a photograph by Knoxville artist Lloyd Branson in the 1880's, after McCown's death.

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Let's Think Ahead

By any measure, *Knoxplex 2006* was a great success, and the March monthly KPS meeting gave us all an opportunity to express appreciation for many things and suggest a few changes for next year. Tom Copas and Bruce Roberts had to endure the sudden news that we could not use one quarter of the space we usually have. But the good news was that it forced a little creativity, with the exhibits moved to the hallway, where they looked great and had a lot of viewers. And, we have new members to welcome: Daryl Johnson, Gary Rehberg, John Rush, Dennis Smith, and Barbara Steverson.

Now is the time to look ahead to *Knoxplex 2007*. Be ready to lend your ideas for a show theme. The sooner we agree on one, the sooner work can begin on the cancel, cachet, and publicity.

Between now and next March there is much more to enjoy. If you haven't made it to a club meeting lately, please make a point to attend this spring or summer. Come to the April meeting to welcome our new members who joined at *Knoxplex*.

Don't forget that this May 27-June 3 is the once every ten year international show in the US –



Tom Broadhead

Washington 2006, and next fall, the *Southeastern Stamp Show* in Atlanta will be September 22-24.

Have a great spring, and happy collecting. Take some time to relax and enjoy your hobby!

New Postcard Stamp

Did you make a few homemade first day covers for the new 24c postcard stamp? Without much fanfare – as is becoming increasingly the case with the USPS, the new stamp made its appearance on Wednesday, March 8 with a nationwide distribution and no formal first day ceremony as reported in *Linn's* in the March 6 issue.



Nationwide distribution seems to be the approach that USPS is taking with definitives. You can see another new stamp on the last page of the newsletter that also was issued nationwide.

E-Bay Treasures

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about stamps that club members thought were ugly. One stamp that is often considered to be beautiful is the 1929 stamp issued by Canada (Scott 158) showing the schooner "Bluenose" in a sailing race. I saw this superb, mint unhinged example on E-bay. With a starting bid of \$150 Canadian, it sold on March 3 with 12 bids leading



to the final sale price of \$300 Canadian (about \$260 US). Shipping was an additional \$2.00.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 7, 2006

The March 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Eighteen (18) members were present. President Bruce Roberts brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Bruce asked that the program be the comments of members about Knoxpex 2006. Each was asked to indicate one thing that they really liked and one area that needed improvement. Several show-related announcements were presented first. Jim Pettway announced that 131 visitors were registered on Saturday and 29 on Sunday, with a total of 11 youth registrants. Thirty-two had heard about the show in Linn's, 25 from the KPS mailing, 9 from the APS, and others from the web, newspapers, and dealer mailings.

Richard Ehrlich said that we gained 5 new members at the show, and Jim Pettway reported that 15 registrants had requested more information about KPS. Gerald Schroedl, Show Chair, thanked all for helping and attending. Among visitors attending were officers of the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs: John Coles, President; Dave Hill, Vice President, Don LaBerteaux, Past President; and Scott Marks, Show Chair. They presented KPS with a \$50 check to promote exhibiting.

Positive comments about the show included many remarks about the exhibits and the placing of exhibit frames in the hallway. The youth activity materials were superb. Other favorable comments focused on the dealers and the layout of the bourse. Tom Copas praised the hotel management for its help this year.

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As good as the show was, there were suggestions for improvement. Better lighting in the exhibit area was noted. Ideas were floated to rename the “youth area” the “beginners or novice area.” Having lost part of our reserved space at the last minute, there were comments about the need for more space, especially to allow auction lots to be displayed more accessibly. Outdoor advertising is needed, including use of the hotel's marquee and a large banner, which will need to be purchased by KPS.

The business meeting followed, with Richard Ehrlich giving the treasurer's report indicating a preliminary profit for the show of approximately \$650. Jim Pettway announced that APS circuit books will be here probably for the May 5th Tuesday meeting (although this will be during the Washington 2006 show) and the June 1st Tuesday meeting. Stu Hanlein will bring the KPS blank circuit books to the April meeting for members to fill for our internal circuit.

Richard Ehrlich brought for a vote the final amendment to the KPS Constitution and Bylaws, which was approved unanimously. The following is the new wording for Article IV, Section 6.

“No member shall hold more than one of the following offices – President, Vice President, or Treasurer – concurrently. When a member of the Executive Board holds more than one elective office, that member's vote on issues brought before the Executive Board shall be counted only once, not for each office.”

Bruce Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

Stamp of the Month

Here is a booklet stamp issued by Canada in 1991. The real stamp that you receive in your newsletter might be a booklet single with a straight edge, or a stamp perforated on all four sides – which may have come from a sheet or the inside part of a booklet! This stamp shows the Canadian maple leaf flag over a background of hills, Scott #1356. Take another look at it



and at your copy. The postal cancel shows all or part of the Olympic rings and represents a 1992 Olympic cancel. Copies were donated to KPS by Nicole Gamble.

What Will Happen to My Stamp Collection When I Die?

By Jim Pettway

What will happen to your stamp collection when you die? Do you care? We don't want to think about it but this time will come and those that you leave behind will be left to deal with this question. We stamp collectors tend to plan ahead but only to that time in the future when we get around to sorting or mounting some of those stamps that we purchased and stashed away many years prior. And so the question remains, what will happen to your stamp collection when you die?

As an American Philatelic Society Estate Advisor I receive emails and phone calls from friends, attorneys and relatives who are in search of advice as to what to do with a stamp collection left by a loved one. No instructions have been left concerning the value or the disposition of this persons stamp collection and accumulation of stamps, including covers and stamp publications. Fortunately this relative/friend/attorney has contacted the APS and been given my name or the name of another APS Estate Advisor for guidance. I have the job of doing the best that I can to guide this relative/friend/attorney in the disposal of the stamp estate. My services normally consist of viewing the collection to get an idea of its worth and then making suggestions as to what to do.

I must say that most collections that I view are nicely assembled collections but of minimal value. Unfortunately this isn't what people want to hear. And then there are the collections of more value. I work with the holder to find a dealer or auction house that I consider able to dispose of the stamp collection in the best way. I always make it a point to encourage the holders of these collections to join the growing ranks of stamp collectors and to continue the collections, becoming full-fledged stamp collector. Sometimes it works!

It's rather simple what you need to do to help those responsible for the disposition of your stamp estate. Chances are great that no one in your immediate family knows the value of your stamp collection. Stamp collectors tend to be quite secretive about the contents of their stamp collections. Of course the best place to leave instructions is in a will. I would like to suggest, as a minimum, that you leave information and

instructions for the disposition of your stamp estate in the front of a stamp album. Include here a short inventory of your collection (updated at least yearly) with special highlight on the higher value stamps. Give some idea of the total catalogue value (reference Scott, etc.) of your collection. Where are all of your stamps, covers, and publications? Are there stamps or stamp related materials in a safe deposit box? Is there a person or auction company that you would like to handle the sale of your collection? Provide a name or names of stamp dealers with whom you have a relationship.

Don't leave your stamp collection to chance. I don't think that you want your years of collecting to end up stored in the basement or garage. This does happen. Help those you leave behind with some guidance. Do this tonight!

Knoxpex 2006 Palmares

It was exciting to have nine beautiful exhibits at Knoxpex, and judges Tom Broadhead and Gerald Schroedl spent considerable time at the frames taking notes and evaluating the contents and presentation. All exhibitors are invited to visit with Tom and Gerald to hear their suggestions. The following are the "Palmares" or list of awards earned by this year's exhibitors.

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Congratulations to all exhibitors!

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Member News

Phil Ford's son Bobby is now in Kuwait. They are suppose to convoy into Ar Ramondi, Iraq this month. From Phil's experience on RED HORSE, convoy is a tricky and dangerous way to move a group of people. We wish him the greatest success and a safe return home after his tour of duty.

Ron Sarson, former KPS treasurer and current active member lives in West Liberty, Ohio. Ron writes that he has sold his Machin collection and his Canadian collection, but that his son has taken over his first flight cover collection and his award winning CAM 9 exhibit. Keep an eye out for an article in the American Philatelist next year by Ron, highlighting CAM 9.

New Stamps – Nationwide 1st Day



Linn's reports that the new X-15 priority and express mail stamps will be issued nationwide on March 17.



Knoxpex 2006 cachets are still available. One of the highlights of Knoxpex is always the cachet and commemorative cancel that recognize an important historical event. This year's theme, the 50th anniversary of Rock and Roll music was colorfully depicted with a jukebox, 45 rpm platters, and a background print of guitars. Designer Ralph Dinwiddie also was a dealer in the Saturday "cachet bourse," which featured many of his other artistic designs for envelopes commemorating our history and culture. If you didn't have a chance to purchase this year's cachet, a small number is still available. Send your order with \$2.00 plus a self-addressed stamped envelope to KPS, PO Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or come to the April meeting to buy one!

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Let's Get with the Programs

For me, one of the best things about our hobby is its ability to educate and spark the imagination. When I was young, I would pour over my Scott catalogs and occasionally read up on an exotic country or colony. As a KPS member, I enjoy learning about the collecting interests of fellow members, and one of the best ways to get to know about someone's collecting interests is through program presentations at our KPS monthly meetings. Beyond program presentations, articles in this newsletter are another way of sharing our personal interests with friends in KPS and with the general public who view our newsletter at the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs web site.

Previous programs that have translated into articles include Ken Korp's beer stamps, Russ and Randy Haese's East Germany, Bruce Roberts's revenue date cancels, Ralph Dinwiddie's Christmas seals, and this month's article by Charlie Wade on a family heirloom with a postal connection.

Now its time to plan for future meeting programs and, I hope, articles for the newsletter. At the April meeting, Bruce Roberts asked for volunteers to sign up to give programs, and I asked for volunteers to write articles. Here are a few that we can look forward to in the coming months: Early Texas Postal History (Barry Van Winkle), the Washington 2006 International Stamp Show (Bruce Roberts), Cancels on the US 1851-1857 Issue (Charles Klinstiver), Freshwater Fishing (Hans Ahlstedt), Early German Rocket Mail (Russ Haese), Precancels (Stu Hanlein). Some have also offered to write newsletter articles, and Nick Stone is offering us the challenge of a new crossword puzzle.

Don't wait for the newsletter to learn about these and other exciting topics, come to the KPS meetings to hear our great programs!

Tom Broadhead

E-Bay Treasure? or We'll All Be Rich!

Condition, condition, condition – sometimes we are told that those are the three factors that are most important in determining the value of a collectible item. In philately, many condition factors – mint or used, hinged or unhinged, fresh color or faded, well centered or poorly centered – help us decide what we want to add to our collections and what we wish to avoid. Sometimes we see the term “space filler” used to describe a rare stamp with obvious faults, especially thins, that don't affect the beautiful stamp image, but nonetheless indicate a less than perfect example.

More and more we see articles in the philatelic press that tell us about record auction prices for stamps that may not be that rare, but are of exceptional quality. A recent article in *Linn's* told of the sale of a perfectly centered, mint, unhinged example of the 10c Smoky Mountain stamp of 1934 for an astounding \$1437.50 – 338 times more than the Scott value of \$4.25.

Now, an enterprising E-Bay seller has listed an example of this stamp, shown below. The listing title is “National Parks, 749, Great Smokey [sic] Mts, Superb, MNH.” Take a look at the picture below. What do you think? At a “Buy It Now” price of \$175, it's not what it's cracked up to be. The description mentions the *Linn's* article, but also says that there is a hinge remnant! So much for MNH. As for “superb” centering – we have had great club programs by Richard Ehrlich and Bruce Roberts on this topic – surely no one would consider this to be anything more than “fine.” Well, that's my “treasure” for this month! If people will pay this, we could all become rich!



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 4, 2006

The April 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Twenty (20) members were present. President Bruce Roberts brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Bruce welcomed new members Judy Haney and Barry Van Winkle and returning members Hans and Lisa Ahlstedt. Prior to the program, Bruce asked for members to volunteer to give future program presentations on their collecting interests, and Tom Broadhead asked for volunteers to write articles for the newsletter.

The first part of the program involved members talking about the sources of information that they use for research concerning their favorite philatelic topics. Hans Ahlstedt mentioned the Swedish *Facit* catalog, which not only has volumes describing perforation, watermark and paper varieties, but also a volume that features values for different post office cancels and dates. Nick Stone talked about the Stanley Gibbons catalogs of British stamps that exist in both a general form and a highly specialized one with all listed varieties. Stu Hanlein discussed the Precancel Stamp Society, local precancel clubs, bulletins, and a biennial yearbook as important sources. Charlie Klintstiver has found that the US Classics Society is important for his interests, but also that a personal library of auction catalogs helps keep track of rare stamps and varieties. Bruce Roberts told about his extensive library and the Philatelic Exhibitor, a magazine devoted to the topic of exhibiting. Tom Broadhead talked about using original correspondence in the French philatelic museum in addition to microfilms and the American Philatelic Research Library.

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The second part of the program was a show and tell, with Charlie Wade showing an antique can-celing device used by his grandfather (see his article elsewhere in this newsletter). Tom Broadhead showed a 1923 German cover with a whopping 170 million marks in postage.

During the business meeting, Tom Broadhead passed around text and stamp illustrations that will be submitted to the Southeast Federation for our web page. Russ Haese requested that a link to an online map and information about youth and beginning collecting be included in the new web information. Stu Hanlein distributed blank circuit books, which members can fill and circulate to others in the club for our own KPS stamp circuit. Richard Ehrlich gave out copies of the latest version of the Constitution and Bylaws, which had undergone revision earlier this year.

Nominations for officers were requested, and the following have agreed to stand for election at the May meeting:

President – Mike Kauffman
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Bruce Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

5th Tuesday KPS Meeting – May 30

Board Meeting at 6:00 – all KPS members are invited to attend and meet the new officers.

Swap and sell begins at 7:00. Bring your want lists or your circuit books or other stamps that you want to sell or trade!

Stamp of the Month

On April 21, the USPS will issue a new set of four stamps showing romance among Disney cartoon characters, including Mickey & Minnie, Lady & the Tramp, Beauty & the Beast, and Cinderella & Prince Charming. The stamp of the month is Scott 1355, issued in 1968 to commemorate Walt Disney, the creative genius whose works have entertained many generations and have inspired a popular area of topical collecting. Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for the stamps!



A Real Piece of Postal History!

By Charlie Wade

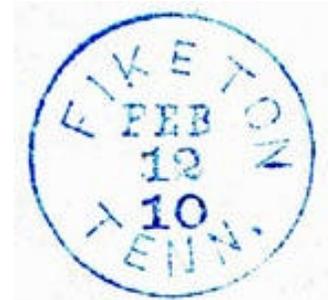
One achieves the “hobby trifecta” when they can find something that relates to more than one of their past times. I brought such an item to the April KPS meeting that related to my interests in stamp collecting, American history, and family genealogy – a hand cancel device of late 19th century from the Fiketon, Tennessee post office. The device still contains the date, February 12, 1901 or 1910*, apparently the last date it was ever used. I also have a snuff tin that contains other month’s names and numbers used for cancellation.



The Fiketon hand canceling device is 4.5 inches long and makes a circular date stamp one inch in diameter.

I grew up in East Tennessee between Knoxville and Chattanooga on a farm in the area my ancestors settled in the early 1800’s. Fiketon, which no longer exists as a town, was located at the border of McMinn and Meigs counties. My grandfather, William Daniel Wade, was postmaster for the small community around the turn of the century. Being the oldest son of the oldest son, I carry the middle name William, a tradition that goes back eight generations. With this comes the honor and responsibility of being caretaker of the Family Bible from the 1830’s, the rifle my great-great grandfather carried fighting for the Union Army’s 3rd Tennessee Calvary in the Civil war, and the Fiketon post office relic.

Growing up on the farm, I remember an old brass plaque entitled “United States Post Office” which was used at Fiketon and an early wooden mail rack with slots to hold each neighbor’s mail as it was sorted by my great-grandfather. However, through the years the brass plaque was lost and the mail rack rotted away. I played Post Office (No, not that kind!) with the post office station and dozens of old letters from around the turn of the century I found in a suitcase. Not knowing the value that postal history covers would become someday, I took the stamps, mostly green 1c Franklins and red 2c Washingtons, and sold them to friends who were collectors.



Modern strike of the Fiketon canceller

Postmaster Wade had a younger sister that left Tennessee and moved to Texas in the 1880’s. Turns out that his sister’s great-grandson was Bill Moyer, former press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson and of PBS fame. Bill and many relatives from around the country returned to the family farm in 2001 for a reunion and re-enactment of the Wade brothers returning from the Civil War.

I come by my interest in stamp collecting naturally. Besides my great-grandfather, my uncle, Jim Buttram, was postmaster in Athens, Tennessee from 1954 until his death in 1980. I went to the post office every Wednesday afternoon after choir practice to see what treasures had arrived each week. Many of the grimy stamps bought on those trips are in my Scott National album today.

Editor’s note: A search for Fiketon, TN on the web turned up a comment that it is now called Clearwater Community. On two web sites: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnmcm2/EastTennesseePostOffices.html> and <http://tennessee.gov/tsla/history/places/postoff2.htm> (Tennessee State Library and Archives), the Fiketon post office is listed as being in operation from 1883-1903. On Jim Forte’s postal history web site, I looked for a Fiketon cover, but none was listed. However, at Jim’s site, you can place a request for a cover, if one becomes available - <http://postalhistory.com/postoffices.asp?task=display&state=TN&county=Mcminn>.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 2

A Little Knoxville Postal History

by Tom Broadhead

In the few months after June 1, 1861* when United States stamps were no longer valid for postage in the Confederacy, postmasters in many cities issued provisional postage stamps. One of the creations of Knoxville postmaster, C.H. Charlton is shown below, and I will highlight others in months to come.

The handstamped envelope below is addressed to Lyons Store in Hawkins County and carries a handstamp indicating "PAID 5," or prepayment of 5 cents postage. Otherwise, the marking just says "KNOXVILLE Ten." This combination qualifies as a prepaid indicia, and the Scott Catalog lists it as 47XU5. This example, reported to be one of six known sold for \$500 in the Siegel 2002 auction of the Dr. Karl Agre Collection of Confederate States.



* Bruce Roberts wrote about a last day of use – May 31, 1861 U.S. cover from Arkansas – in the November 2005 newsletter.

How I Got Started

by Mike Kauffman

In the early fifties I was in the 5th grade at Arlington Heights grade school - 30 miles northwest of Chicago. Twice a week we had a hobby hour. It was my favorite time of the week. I usually spent time building plastic boats and airplanes, but halfway through the year our teacher introduced us to stamp collecting. He was a collector and shared his knowledge and enthusiasm with us to the point of having our class begin collecting.

That night I asked Dad if I could start collecting stamps. I told him about my teacher being a collector willing to help us get started. I explained to him that it sounded like an interesting hobby, and I could use my allowance to buy stamps and supplies. That night all three of us decided to collect stamps, my brother, Dad, and me.

The next evening Dad came home with three huge Scott's World Wide albums and a mixture of stamps. I still have my album. He showed us how to hinge and mount the stamps and I remember being very impressed with Dad's knowledge. I later found out that Dad had a stamp store when he was 18, but that's a story for another time.

I continued collecting worldwide with periods of favoritism towards Hungary, Israel, United States, United Nations, and Germany. Serious collecting became dormant during my family rearing years, but it was revived just recently having joined the stamp club a year ago. I now have a strong inter-est in Rattle Snake Island, Kennedy topicals, and First Man on the Moon stamps designed by Paul and Chris Calle.

I am now enjoying the process of selling Dad's stamps. He again became a dealer once Larry and I left home. Presently, Pat and I go to three or four shows a year and are investigating Ebay possibilities in order to get his inventory down to a manageable amount.

It has been fun. It still is.

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Stamps as Investments?

The reasons that we collect are as numerous and diverse as the areas of collecting in philately. There is no doubt that stamps as objects have intrinsic value, but the question often arises over what that value is. In the open marketplace, supply and demand combine to help establish the value of a philatelic item, which then translates into its cost to a buyer. In my early collecting years, I used to think that a stamp with a Scott catalog value of 2 cents was actually worth that, and that one with a value of 3 cents was just half again more valuable. Sometimes it seems that the stamp market is going wild these days and that collectors are bidding up prices around the globe.

Clearly one of today's hot areas is very rare stamps and another is the spectacular demand for copies of extraordinary quality. Last week I wrote about the "perfect" Smoky Mountain commemorative and the less-than-perfect example that someone was trying to peddle on eBay.

An article later in this newsletter focuses on a somewhat different issue related to stamp values. In it I summarize a press report describing investments by retirees in Spain into a collection of stamps "guaranteed to appreciate in value." A similar, but not so highly touted or risky approach has also been taken by the venerable British firm, Stanley Gibbons. Nonetheless, I would never think about putting my life savings into stamps or other common collectibles.

Now take a look at the cover in this month's featured article. What would be its value to you as a collector? KPS member Barry VanWinkle bought it on eBay for \$3.99 and considers it quite a find. Just like beauty, value may lie in the eyes of the beholder, and in such a diverse hobby as ours there are many inexpensive treasures that will delight our eyes and intrigue us with their ability to open small windows of history to us.

Tom Broadhead

Great Smoky Mountains FDC

New member Adriean Mayor reports that the recent Great Smoky Mountains 75 cent airmail stamp, issued February 24 this year in St. Louis, Missouri, exists on a limited edition first day cover. Produced by Artmaster, the cachet was printed in a small quantity of only 7500.



Serviced cachets are available for \$5.99 at the Great Smoky Mountains bookstore. Check with Adriean at the next KPS meeting for additional information.

E-Bay Treasures

Here are two examples of an Argentina floral pictorial, Scott 1524 offered recently on E-Bay. The normal stamp, shown at right bears a colorful depiction of a begonia flower stalk. As the seller points out, the example on the left is a triple error! It is missing both the red and yellow colors – and it is spectacularly misperforated. The pair was listed with a minimum bid of \$28.00, plus \$2.50 basic shipping. This spectacular item closed on May 12 with no bids – what a shame!



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 2, 2006

The May 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Twenty-one (21) members were present. President Bruce Roberts brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Bruce welcomed new member Adriean Mayor. Five lots were entered in the silent auction – four of which were sold to benefit KPS. Bruce Roberts and others who will be attending the Washington 2006 show will give a program on the show at the June meeting. Tom Copas announced that the Knoxpex banner, long thought to be lost, had been found. Norm Carlevato brought some back issues of Scott catalogs free for the taking. Tom Broadhead displayed mock-ups of the proposed new web pages for KPS on the Southeast Stamp Club web site. There were some interesting show and tell items, many of which may be appearing soon in this newsletter!

During the business meeting, Richard Ehrlich proposed having the Knoxpex banner updated or replaced. With interest rates increasing, there was discussion of moving some of the treasury balance into a certificate of deposit or other insured interest-bearing account. The principal item of business was the election of new officers. There being no nominations from the floor, Tom Copas moved that nominations close and that the nominees listed in last month's newsletter be elected. Norm Carlevato seconded the motion, and the following were unanimously elected for the coming year: President – Mike Kauffman, Vice President – Ralph Dinwiddie, Secretary Pat Goebel, and Directors – Stu Hanlein and Charlie Wade.

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New KPS president, Mike Kauffman announced that the July meeting will not be held on the regular day, which is July 4th this year. He will check with the church to investigate other possible dates. Mike also asked that members come to the June meeting ready to discuss topics and agendas that they would like to see the club pursue in the coming year. Russ Haese requested that an e-mail distribution list be established to enable KPS members to get answers to questions from specialists in the club. Jim Pettway reminded members that our first shipment of APS circuit books will be here for the 5th Tuesday meeting on May 30 and for the regular KPS meeting on June 6.

Mike Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

In the News

In a May 7 article in the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, writer Doug Mason extols the virtues of the Knoxville Post Office Museum located at the main postal facility on Weisgarber Road. Although many of us have glanced at the reconstructed old post office room, it was surprising to learn that it consists of cast off furniture and equipment from many local area post offices. It is an attractive display, with vintage uniforms, photographs, and a few old cards and covers.

Backstage tours of the post office are no longer given, but if you are interested in getting a closer look at the museum, call the consumer affairs department at 865-558-4673 to make arrangements.

July KPS Meeting – July 11

The July monthly KPS meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday – July 11 – in Room C at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is part of the National Capital sesquicentennial commemorative issue of 1950 honoring the establishment of Washington, DC. The stamp, Scott 992, features the U.S. Capitol building and



was fourth in the series. It is this month's selection in honor of the stamp show in Washington. Thanks to Nicole Gamble for the stamps!

To Your Health! – Post Civil War Postal History and Medicine

by W. Barry VanWinkle

As a medical school professor retired from Texas, I am always on the lookout for Texas (and now, Tennessee) postal history and history related to my background and profession. When I saw this care-worn envelope on eBay, I spotted immediately that it was sent from Texas to a Nashville medical school and that the pencil scribbles covering front and back appeared to be treatments for tetanus hurriedly jotted down by a physician (or nurse) on a handy envelope.



The envelope is Scott U59, the 3c pink on buff issued in 1864 and in common use until the subsequent design issue of 1870. There is no year date on the San Augustine, Texas circular date stamp or in the pencil inscriptions, but we can be certain that it is a post Civil War use when U.S. stamps and postal stationery were again available for legal use in the former Confederate States. The addressee is H.H. Bates at the Medical College of Nashville (now Vanderbilt Medical School).

The initialed ("P.F.E.") treatment (?!) regimen for tetanus (including a short notation for hand wounds) was meant to ease the intense muscle spasms and cramping of late term "lockjaw." Listed are chloroform, asafetida ("devil dung"), laudanum (opium) and decoction of tobacco – all given orally! Also listed are 140 degree baths and tissue cut away!

During the Civil War, more than 60% of casualties died from disease. The old adage of stepping on a rusty nail and lockjaw is heard even today. A rusty nail is not the culprit – where were there abundant nails in the 1860s? In the dirt of battlefields, camps, farms and roads and mixed with plenty of horse manure which teems with tetanus bacteria! Widespread tetanus occurred from open wounds, non-sterile field hospitals, and lack of treatment. There was no cure for this dread disease and an agonizing death, characterized by the frozen "grin" of lockjaw could occur rapidly.

Little described on this envelope kept mortality rates from approaching 80%. Only with the discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming in the 1920s would tetanus be controlled.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 6

A Little Knoxville Postal History

by Tom Broadhead

Last month I wrote about one of the provisional issues produced in mid 1861 by Knoxville Confederate postmaster, C.H. Charlton. It was the handstamped envelope marked "PAID 5." Another one of Charlton's creations was an overprinted black "10" on the "PAID 5." The overprint is more rare than the original 5 cent envelope and is listed in the Scott Catalog as 47XU6. This example sold for \$1200 in the Siegel 2002 auction of the Dr. Karl Agre Collection of Confederate States. If you look closely at the space between the numerals in 10, you can see the faint outline of the 5. The letter was addressed to a person in care of a military regiment at Manassas Junction, Virginia. See this and other great examples of Confederate postal history at <http://www.siegelauctions.com/2002/850/y85063.htm>.



"The Stamp Collection that Could Cost Thousands Their Life Savings"

In its online edition, *The Times*, London's leading newspaper featured this headline and article by writer Graham Keeley. The report, dated May 10 claims that "more than 350,000 private investors across Spain are believed to have fallen victim to an alleged pyramid-selling scam involving rare postage stamps." Investors placed more than \$90 million with Afinsa Bienes Tangibles and Fórum Filatélico.

Afinsa, a leading auction house in Spain, is reported to have run a "no-lose" investment plan based on a collection of stamps that guaranteed a 6% to 10% return. Recent significant increases in prices for superb quality and rare stamps fueled the interest of clients, many of whom were retirees. The company is accused of paying investors not on the basis of increases in the value of the stamp portfolios, but rather by funds from new investors.

The stamps in the investment portfolios are reported to include "overvalued – or even fake – stamps." The article does not include a list of specific stamps.

This case is under investigation by the Audiencia Nacional, a government agency whose responsibilities include prosecution of organized crime. Both companies were raided on May 9, and pertinent information was confiscated. Prior to the raids, the US financial journal, *Barrons* had published an article that questioned the value of stamps held in the Afinsa portfolio.

A complete version of this article is online at www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,3-2173493,00.html.

Thanks go to Dr. Jim Gehlhar, Director of the UT Center for International Education for the reference to this article.

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A Really Big Show

Part of the fascination of philately is learning about and seeing what others collect. Nowhere is that opportunity more apparent than at a stamp show. This year's Knoxpex had great exhibits from many club members featuring topics ranging from Christmas Seals to space stamps and cachets.

The recently concluded Washington 2006 international philatelic exhibition included an enormous diversity of events, exhibits, and dealers from around the world. An intrepid "gang of four" from our club – Bruce Roberts, Gerald Schroedl, Charles Klintstiver, and I – made the drive up to Washington the day before the show and stayed for three and a half fun-filled days. During that time, we also met up with KPS members Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, and former KPS president Bob Toal, who now lives in the DC area.

We attended first day ceremonies for the Wonders of America stamps and for the Washington 2006 souvenir sheet. Both ceremonies were exciting – the Wonders ceremony featured a welcome from Postmaster General John E. Potter and APS president Janet Klug, among other dignitaries, and ceremonial music and dances by two Native Americans who truly are Wonders of America. At the conclusion of each program, attendees received a first day cover with one of the featured stamps. On Saturday, I bought two sheets of the Wonders stamps to mail the June newsletter with a first day cancel.

The highlight of the show, although we weren't there to see the presentation, was the large vermeil award given to Bruce's exhibit featuring the postal history of Arkansas from the territorial to post-civil war period. We all had a chance to see this great exhibit at Knoxpex. It's great to know that the international judges appreciated it. Congratulations Bruce!

Tom Broadhead

President's Letter

As the new president of our stamp club, I want to share with you some of my goals and aspirations for the coming year. It is my intention to follow rather than lead all the great minds belonging to our club. I will moderate all meetings and handle those chores set aside for the president, but I wish only to stay the very positive course that has already been laid down for us in years past. I consider myself to be your servant and caretaker over the next year.

I encourage our new members to become old members. The formula is easy. Show up at our meetings and help out where and when needed. It is very rewarding. I have been a member for one and a half years and consider myself to be one of the older members now. It has more to do with attitude than length of membership.

We are presently putting together a resource directory for members. Contributing to this project is entirely voluntary, and if you feel uncomfortable participating, don't give it a thought. It is a great initiative by Russ Haese and is for all of us to learn from those members wishing to share their philatelic knowledge and literary resources with us.

For those wishing to be part of this directory, please complete the form enclosed with this newsletter, sharing your collecting interests, contact information, and the resources of your personal philatelic library. Please send this information by e-mail to Tom Broadhead at tomwb50@aol.com, bring it to the July 11 meeting, or mail it to the club's address. In about two months the directory will be put together and will be mailed to all of our members.

Mike Kauffman

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 6, 2006

The June 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Fifteen (15) members were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting began with the program presentation by Bruce Roberts about his experiences at the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition. Bruce's slide show gave a great impression of the magnitude of this event, and also featured his award-winning exhibit. Photos and more of Bruce's impressions are featured in this newsletter.

Mike Kauffman opened the business meeting at 8:20 pm and thanked Bruce for his program presentation. Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer's report. Mike brought up the need to get our theme for Knoxpex 2007 in March. He suggested that since it will be the 25th anniversary of the Knoxville World's Fair, the four stamps issues for the fair would provide material for a good cachet. Other suggestions included the anniversary of Sputnik, Robert E. Lee's birthday, and the first elevator (by Otis). Decision on a theme was tabled until the July meeting with a request for more ideas.

Tom Broadhead is working on a list of speakers for programs. It was suggested that topics might be coordinated with the stamp of the month in the newsletter. Members were reminded that the July meeting will be held on the 11th.

Tom received notice from the APS that the club newsletter has received a Gold Award. This is the second year in a row that our newsletter received the highest award in the Southeast Federation. Tom was also invited to join the APS Writers Unit and has been asked

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by the Chicagopex organizers to enter our newsletter in its annual literature competition.

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs is seeking nominations for the Roland Hill Award, presented each year by the Federation to a person who has contributed significantly to advancing philately in the southeast. Russ and Randy Haese were nominated for their work on the youth program at Knoxpex 2006. Other nominations should be sent to Tom Broadhead, and Mike Kauffman will prepare a nomination from the KPS.

Mike brought up the club information directory, and Russ Haese passed around a sample information page. Bruce Roberts spoke about the need for members to start planning now for exhibits at Knoxpex 2007. Tom Copas brought in the old banner and information about the cost of a replacement. Additional ideas were presented for signage to advertise Knoxpex, and the board will consider these at its August meeting.

Mike Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

July KPS Meeting – July 11

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KPS Library

Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a list of holdings in the KPS library, currently housed at Tom Broadhead's home. Members may contact Tom if they wish to check out a copy of one of our holdings. At a future KPS meeting, the focus and goals of the library will be examined.

Stamp of the Month

Benjamin Franklin, whose 200th birthday is celebrated this year, has appeared on more US stamps than anyone, except George Washington. This month's stamp is the 1985 commemorative heralding the 1986 Ameripex international exhibition (Scott 2145). It is doubly interesting promoting a stamp show and also showing a



stamp – Scott 134 from the 1870 issue printed by the National Bank Note Company.

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating this month's stamps!

Washington 2006

Every ten years, the United States hosts a major international philatelic exhibition, and the 2016 show is already scheduled for New York city. Here are a few photos of KPS members at Washington 2006, courtesy of Bruce Roberts.



The show floor in the Washington Convention Center had hundreds of dealers and thousands of pages of exhibits.



The Gang of Four – Charles, Tom, Bruce, and exhibit of Arkansas postal history.



Stu Hanlein was a volunteer at the Youth & at Bruce's Gerald at the Beginner's Center and at the Precancel Society booth.



Thomas Lane spent time at the American First Day Cover Society booth – one of many hosted by philatelic societies.



Charles and Tom looked over some purchases while waiting for the show to open.

Washington 2006 – What an event!!!

By Bruce Roberts

I am a stamp show junkie, I admit it. I have probably attended nearly 400 shows, big and small, as a stamp dealer, collector, and exhibitor. I have attended several APS national shows, many of the World Series national shows, and AMERIPEX, the international show in 1986. Washington 2006 beat them all!

3500 frames of exhibits, over 250 dealers, many First Day of Issue ceremonies, and nearly \$500 million worth of stamps and covers were all in one place. This was the place to be between May 27 and June 3. And I was fortunate to be there, along with Tom Broadhead, Charlie Klintstiver, Gerald Schroedl. The four of us drove 8 hours on the Friday before the show and were on hand at 9:30 AM for the first day ceremony for the “Wonders of America” stamps. Tom brought the June KPS newsletter and applied the new stamps and got First Day cancels on all the specially printed envelopes for club members.

I focused on my postal history collection/exhibit by visiting the foreign dealers looking for Arkansas covers that might have traversed the Atlantic and found a home in their stock. There were many foreign dealers at Washington 2006, and except for the British dealers, I found prices at most booths to be reasonable. Although I found no Arkansas in the foreign dealer cover boxes, I did buy three covers from US dealers.

I was impressed with the number of stamp collecting society booths - nearly 50 different, many with displays. Stu Hanlein showed me around the Precancel Society display, and Thomas Lane was at the First Day Cover Society table. Joel Rind, Chattanooga Dealer, shared a booth with two other dealers, so he had about 2 chairs to sell to, which cost him more than \$3000, but he seemed happy! Actually, of the many dealers who I know, all were very happy with the show through Tuesday when we left. Crowds were large and were really spending money.

The exhibits were spectacular. From the non-competitive displays of stamps from Queen Elizabeth’s collection, the U.S. National Postal Museum, and vaults of private collectors, to the competitive exhibits, this was the best gathering of stamps and covers I have ever seen. I was humbled to have had my exhibit included, and really pleased when I was awarded a Large Vermeil medal and a Special Prize. If you had told me 5 years ago that I would have an exhibit in an International show, I would have laughed. Last year, my Arkansas exhibit had grown to 10 frames, but first time international exhibitors are limited to 5 frames! I had to shorten the period of the exhibit, from 1819-1870 to 1819-1865. Then I had to remove three more frames of lovely covers and postal history, choosing only the best and most important of the remaining covers. It cost me about \$500 just to enter and send my exhibit! But it was worth it!



Bruce’s exhibit, “Arkansas Postal History – Territory Through Union Occupation” earned a large Vermeil award in the United States, Possessions & Territories division of the Postal History Class and also a special award from the jury – a replica of Mark Twain’s home.

Four days was not long enough, I could have happily spent 40 days trying to see everything. The next International in the US will be in New York in 2016. Start saving your money. I plan to be there and I hope you will be too.

The National Postal Museum

By Charlie Wade

One of the advantages of traveling on business is the ability to do some “personal fun” things. This spring I was invited to speak in our nation’s capital during the peak of the Cherry Blossom Festival. I’m fortunate to get to Washington about twice a year, and always try to visit The National Postal Museum.

Opened in 1993, the museum is part of the Smithsonian Institution. It is located on the lower level of the historic City Post Office Building, which served as the Washington, D.C., post office from 1914 - 1986. It is located on Capital Hill across the street from the Union Station train terminal and METRO stop.



Main entrance of the National Postal Museum

The museum is home to the National Philatelic Collection, established at the Smithsonian in 1886. With gifts from individuals and foreign governments, transfers from government agencies and occasional purchases the collection today totals more than 13 million items. The collection was housed in the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building on the National Mall (1908-1963) and then was moved to the National Museum of American History (1964), before arriving at its present location.

On this visit to the museum, I had the misfortune of being there during a transition period between two major exhibits. The display “John Lennon: The Lost Album” had closed the week before. Opening the following month was the exhibit of the fabled Benjamin K. Miller collection of The New York Public Library. Donated to the library in 1925, the Miller collection was the first complete collection of U.S. stamps ever assembled. It has been called the "crown jewels" of U.S. stamp collecting for its variety, depth, and rare holdings.

A most interesting exhibit was “War Letters: Lost and Found” which featured letters and covers from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The exhibit highlights the importance of letter writing to soldiers in war. In addition to collections and displays, the museum has vehicles used to transport the mail, mailboxes mailbags, postal uniforms and equipment.

If your travels take you to Washington, plan a trip to the museum. I think you will enjoy the experience.

KPS Joins the APS Sales Circuit

By Jim Pettway



I would first like to thank all members who attended the KPS Fifth Tuesday Meeting in May. I appreciate your support of the American Philatelic Society Sales Circuit that I am coordinating. Most of the 13 members attending made purchases from the circuit books for a total sale of almost \$200.00. Based on comments, I have asked the APS to send us areas that were not covered in the 19 circuit books this time. We had a very nice variety of material to view, from United States to British Colonies, Brazil, Canada, and Germany. Many stamps were priced between 5 cents and one dollar, as well as more expensive material. I know that most were pleased and maybe even surprised with the books received for viewing.

Members were again able to view and purchase from the APS Sales Circuit at the June 6 meeting. Circuit books will be available every 5th Tuesday meeting and the regular KPS meeting the next week. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the August 29 meeting to see what’s new in the APS Sales Circuit. You won’t be disappointed.

Knoxville Philatelic Society – Library Holdings

Catalogs:

Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue – 2002

- v. 1 – US, UN, A-B
- v. 2 – C-F
- v. 3 – G-I
- v. 5 – P-SI
- v. 6 – So-Z

Higgins & Gage World Postal Stationery Catalog

- 1 – Abu Dhabi-Azores
- 2 – Baden-Bushire
- 3 – Cameroun-Czechoslovakia
- 4 – Dahomey-Dutch New Guinea
- 5 – East Africa & Uganda-Ethiopia
- 6 – Falkland Islands-Funchal
- 7 – Gabon-Guyana
- 8 – Haiti-Hungary
- 9 – Iceland-Ivory Coast
- 10 – Jamaica-Kuwait
- 11 – Lagos-Luxembourg
- 12 – Macau-Muscat
- 13 – Natal-Orange Free State
- 14 – Pakistan-Queensland
- 15 – Reunion-Ryukyu Islands
- 16 – Saar-Syria
- 17 – Tahiti-Turks & Caicos
- 18 – Ubangi-Uruguay
- 19 – Vatican City-Zululand

United States Postal Card Catalog - 1985

American Air Mail Catalogue – 5th Edition – 1974

- v. 1 – 1974 – p. 1-490 – US, foreign
(includes Zepps)
- v. 2 – 1977 – p. 491-999 – US
- v. 3 – 1978 – p. 1011-1519 – US
- v. 4 – 1981 – p. 1535-2132 – US, foreign
- v. 5 – 1985 – p. 2151-2705 – US, UN,
foreign

Pricing Supplement to v. 1-5 – 1990 – 218 p.

American Illustrated Cover Catalog – 1981 – 259 p

Auction catalog with prices realized

Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog (US) – 1997-1998

A Description of United States Postage Stamps – 1847-1936

A Description of United States Postage Stamps – 1847-1936

The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps – 2000

U.S. Cancels 1890-1900 (by Sol Salkind)

Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps – 1993

Deutschland-Spezial (Michel) – 1997

Cancellations of the Third Reich, 1933-1945 (by J.H. Nolt)

Guides & References:

The Stamp Atlas (Wellsted, Rossiter, Flower), 1986

Linn's World Stamp Almanac, 4th ed., 1982

APS Stamp Identifier, 1992

This is Philately (by K.A. Wood)

- v. 1 – A-F, v. 2 – G-P, v. 3 – R-Z

The Care and Preservation of Philatelic Materials
(by Collings & Schooley-West), 1989

How to Detect Damaged, Altered, and Repaired Stamps (by P.W. Schmid), 1979

The Speedy – A History of United States Special Delivery Service (by H.M. Gobie), 1976

Via Airmail – An Aerophilatelic Survey of Events, Routes, and Rates, AAMS, 1992

The Pioneer Airplane Mails of the United States (by T.J. O'Sullivan), 1985

Air Mail – an Illustrated History, 1793-1981 (by D.B. Holmes), 1981

Pictorial Treasury of U.S. Stamps (Collectors Institute, Ltd.), 1974

The Congress Book – American Philatelic Congress, 2001

Who's Who on U.S. Stamps (by R.L. Thomas), 1991

More Who's Who on U.S. Stamps (by R.L. Thomas), 1993

The D. Scott Gallagher Collection of Tennessee Postal History during the Civil War –

Xerox

of Christie's auction, 1987.

Counterfeit Kansas-Nebraska Overprints on 1922-34

Issue (by R.H. Schoen & J.T. DeVoss) and

First Day Covers of the Kansas-Nebraska Overprints (by J.V. Harvey), 1973

Prisoners of War, Internees and Refugees in the European Theatre of World War II – Postal History (by H.F. Stich & W. Stich), 1990

Collecting:

Stamp Collecting: The Complete, Easy Guide (by C.F. Adams), 1992

Beginning Stamp Collecting (by B. Olcheski), 1976

Color Treasury of Stamp Collecting (by U. Tosco), 1973

The Video Guide to Stamp Collecting (VHS), 1988

Story Books:

The Inverted Jenny: Money, Mystery, Mania (by G. Amick), 1986

Airmail Antics (by F. Boughner), 1988

Stories to Collect Stamps by (by H. Herst), 1963

Fabulous Stamps (by J.W. Nicklin), 1943

Linn's Philatelic Gems (by D. O'Keefe)

- v. 2 – 1985, v. 3 – 1989, v. 4 – 1989

The Cumberland Collector – 85th Anniversary Commemorative Edition, 1971

Knoxville Philatelic Society – Member Collecting and Library Information

KPS is soliciting information about your collecting interests and reference materials that you have in your philatelic library. Providing information for this project is entirely optional, and the summarized directory produced from these listings will be mailed to members only, and will not be posted on the internet.

If you wish to participate, please send the following information by to Tom Broadhead by e-mail (tomwb50@aol.com), by mail to KPS, PO Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422, or bring it to the July or August KPS monthly meetings.

KPS Member Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Collecting Interests:

Country/Countries _____

Topic/Theme _____

Stamps: Mint _____ Used _____

Covers: Postal History _____ First Days _____ Events _____

Other _____

Material You Have for Trade or Sale: _____

Philatelic Reference Materials in Your Library (note: these will not be available for loan, but may be brought to KPS meetings for members to read)

Countries/Themes covered by your references: _____

Specific Reference Books (especially pricing guides and foreign catalogs): _____

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What philatelic references do you think the KPS should purchase for its library?

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 11

A Little Knoxville Postal History

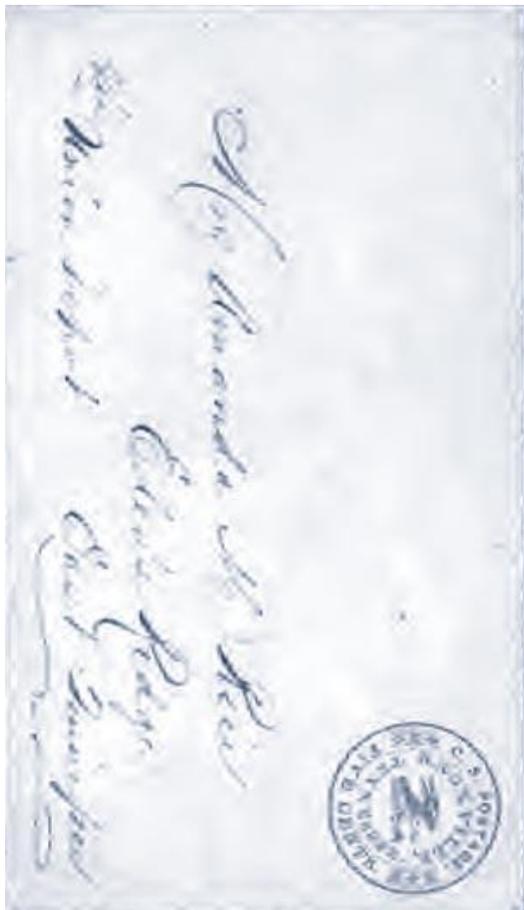
by Tom Broadhead

This article continues my series on the Confederate provisional issues produced in mid 1861 by Knoxville Confederate postmaster, C.H. Charlton. In addition to the handstamped paid envelopes, Charlton had a five cent printed envelope prepared. It was printed in blue (5 cent) on both white and orange paper (Scott 47XU1, 2) and in red (10 cent) also on both white and orange (Scott 47XU3, 4).



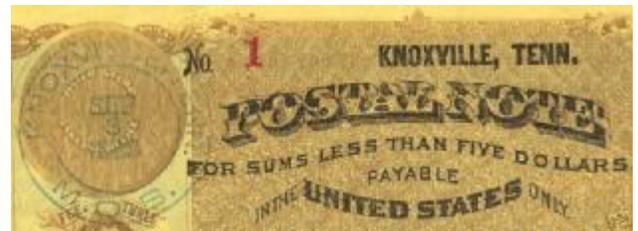
The example below sold for \$900 in the Siegel 2002 auction of the Dr. Karl Agre Collection of Confederate States. It is addressed to Eden's Ridge, Tennessee, and although there

is no cancellation, it is considered to be used. This and other Confederate provisional postal history at <http://www.siegelauctions.com/2002/850/y85063.htm>.



E-Bay Treasures

This month's treasure was discovered by Ralph Dinwiddie. It requires a bit more space than is usually available on page 1, and it's not exactly a stamp. It is a United States Postal Note bearing serial number "1" used in Knoxville on the first day of issue, September 3, 1883.



U.S. Postal Note, with serial number 1 from Knoxville. Size – 81 mm by 155 mm.

Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org>, the online encyclopedia describes postal notes as low denomination money orders with values up to \$5. It furthermore indicates that low value notes post-marked on the first day of issue were created as souvenirs. This one was originally purchased in the amount of 2 cents, plus the 3 cent fee for the note.

Of the nearly 71 million postal notes issued between the years 1883-1894, only about 1,500 are believed to exist. This very nice example, with only a small piece of the lower right corner missing, was listed for sale on March 14, with an opening bid requirement of \$9.95. The seller decided to list it for 10 days, rather than the usual 7, and it sold on March 24. After 35 bids, with 4 of those in the last minute, it sold for a very respectable \$6,027.17. Contrived or not, I think that it is a spectacular souvenir of Knoxville postal history!

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, August 1

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Odds & Ends

Three things come to mind concerning goals and activities for KPS: (1) programs for monthly meetings, (2) the future of the KPS library, and (3) upcoming stamp shows. The first two are of immediate interest, and the third is no less important, because there are great local and regional shows on the horizon.

Programs presented by our members at KPS meetings are great reasons to be a KPS member. They give us the opportunity to learn more about the collecting interests of fellow members and allow us to learn about diverse aspects of our hobby. In the May 2006 newsletter, I listed the members and topics that had been offered for upcoming meetings. Now is the time to schedule these, and I hope that all will translate into articles for the newsletter.

The KPS library used to be located in a gray wooden box, which the librarian would lug to meetings, allowing members to check out volumes for a month. During years meeting at First Presbyterian and Calgary Baptist, we had storage at the churches and a metal cabinet to house it. We have not purchased books or catalogs since 2002, and now is a good time to reexamine our goals for this resource.

As we begin our plans for Knoxpex 2007, let's not forget the other stamp shows in the area, including "Knoxville Summer Stamp Show" on August 19-20 and the APS regional exhibition, "Southeastern Stamp Show," on September 22-24. See details on both elsewhere in this month's newsletter. They are great ways to build our existing collections or discover new areas of interest.

Get ready for a great fall!

Tom Broadhead

5th Tuesday meeting – August 29 – APS Circuit Books and Board Meeting

August's 5th Tuesday informal KPS meeting will be action-packed, with our second shipment of APS Circuit Books, available for viewing and purchases at 7:00pm. Second and last chance to view and buy from the books will be at the September 5 regular meeting. Prior to the 7:00 meet and swap, there will be a KPS Board Meeting at 6:00 – all members are welcome to attend.

Knoxville Summer Stamp Show

KPS dealer member Bill Muenzer has organized a 10 dealer bourse to be held on August 19-20. The location is the Budget Inn of America – our usual Knoxpex site – 323 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., off I-40/75 exit 378. Show hours are 10 am – 5 pm Saturday and 10 am – 4 pm Sunday. For more information, contact Bill at (865) 588-7797 or ktown@knology.net.

Ebay Treasure

Here (greatly reduced) is the joint U.S./Canada souvenir sheet commemorating the 400th anniversary of the voyage of Samuel de Champlain, issued at the Washington 2006 stamp show. It sold on Ebay June 20 for \$3.99 plus \$3.50



shipping. It is not available in post offices, but you can order one at www.usps.com for \$1.75 plus \$4.05 for priority mail shipping - \$1.69 less than the cost of the one on sale at Ebay!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 11, 2006

The July 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Nineteen (19) members were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The program was Mike Kauffman's presentation of his collection of Rattlesnake Island stamps. He had spent his summers with his grandmother in nearby Lakeside, Ohio before Rattlesnake Island stamps existed.

The business meeting started at 8:00 pm with Richard Ehrlich giving the treasurer's report. The board will decide on purchasing a CD at the August board meeting. Mike asked for volunteers for program speakers at future meetings.

There were several themes suggested for Knoxpex 2007. Beside those listed in the June newsletter were: 150th anniversary US perforated stamps, 100th anniversary of American Christmas Seals, first capital of Tennessee, and 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts. The club is looking for more ideas. The board will pick three at the August meeting, and members will vote in September.

The August 5th Tuesday meeting will have APS circuit books. Tom Copas brought the contract for Knoxpex 2007 at the Budget Inn and described changes for our space. A headquarters room was suggested for dealers to congregate on Saturday night. Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts were nominated for the Southeast Stamp Show's Rowland Hill Award.

In new business, Bruce Roberts suggested making a larger gift to APS for recognition. The club also needs a target date for member circuit books. Prior to the meeting, Bruce held an exhibiting workshop and will continue to do at 6:30 in future months.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals, \$12.50 for families, and \$2.00 for youth 17 years of age and under. Requests for information and submissions for the newsletter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

KPS Officers:

President	Mike Kauffman
Past President	Bruce Roberts
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Treasurer	Richard Ehrlich
Secretary	Pat Goebel
Directors	Norm Carlevato, Stu Hanlein, Jim Pettway, Charlie Wade

There was discussion of placing the Newsletter in libraries and advertising club meetings. Stu Hanlein shared his experiences as a volunteer at the Washington Show and showed the customized UN stamps with his photo. He also wants to start a Precancel Club in Knoxville.

Tom Broadhead suggested abandoning the \$2.00 youth membership fee due to costs for the newsletter. Richard indicated that this would require a by-laws change, and the board will consider at the next meeting. Tom also showed the cachet and stamp for Southeast Stamp Show and suggested that members get the exhibiting prospectus at www.stampclubs.com.

Bill Muenzer will have a 10-dealer bourse August 19-20 at the Budget Inn. KPS can have a free info table.

Mike Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

KPS Web Update

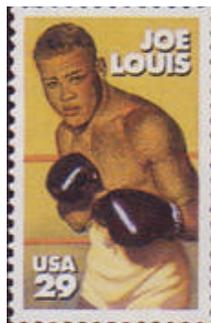
KPS has a new online look at the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs web site. Pages were compiled by Tom Broadhead and reviewed by KPS members over the last few months with many valuable suggestions. Our main page now features pictures of many stamps important to Knoxville and vicinity, including Confederate provisionals, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the 1992 World's Fair, and TVA.

Click on any of the links at our home page – www.stampclubs.com/knoxville/index.htm – to go to pages providing information, including our membership application, map to our meetings, newsletter and monthly cachet, Knoxpex and show cachets, and an e-mail link to Jim Pettway for additional information. The Knoxpex page, will be updated on a regular basis – stay tuned.

The Southeast Federation web site is maintained and updated by Southeast Federation president, John Coles. Thanks John for getting our new pages up for all to view!

Stamp of the Month

As a companion to this month's cachet and the new 39 cent commemorative honoring boxer Sugar Ray Robinson, this month's stamp features another boxing star. It



is the 1993 commemorative (Scott 2766) honoring Joe Louis (1914-1981). Louis became the World's Heavyweight boxing champion in 1937, and defended his title many times before retiring in 1949.

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating this month's stamps!

Scott Catalogue Highlights (continued)

1922 - Scott Stamp & Coin Co. introduces the *United States Stamps Specialized Catalogue*

1940 – catalogue is renumbered, with addition of prefix letters for different categories of stamps (air mail, postage, due, revenue, etc.), rather than the former consecutive numbering.

1943 - Scott catalogues in two volume set, but still available in single large volume. Numbers of volumes in the set increase to 3 in 1972 and 4 in 1978 – plus the U.S. Specialized.

1951 - simplified volume - *Scott's Popular Stamp Catalogue* - meets with little success, discontinued after 1952.

1971 - last year of hardbound catalogues, except for special hardbound printed editions.

1994 - *Scott Classic Catalogue* introduced, listing stamps from 1840 to 1940. Number of volumes increases to 7 for 1995. In 1998 Classic, stamps issued through the reign of King George VI, who died in 1952, included.

1995 - Volume 1 in two parts: 1A includes the United States, United Nations and British Commonwealth, North and South America, and the Caribbean. 1B includes the balance of the British Commonwealth. Volumes increase to 8 (1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, U.S. Specialized, and Classic).

1996 - Scott Publishing Company wins legal battle over proposed use of its stamp numbering system by Krause Publications, publisher of the Minkus stamp catalogue.

1997 – 1998 volumes arrange countries alphabetically. British Commonwealth countries are dispersed throughout six catalogues rather than being grouped in 1A and 1B. United States and possessions remain in Volume 1.

1998 - Scott U.S. Stamp Collector's Database appears on CD-ROM for personal computers. The first CD-ROM included only United States stamps, taken from the 1998 catalogue. By 2002 CD-ROMs are available for the United States, United Nations, Canada and France and by 2006 all volumes of the Scott catalogues were available on CD-ROM.

2004 - 2005 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* introduces stamp pictures in color - about 80% of the stamp images.

2005 - the 2006 Scott catalogues contain color images of essentially all stamps in all volumes.

Special thanks to Gini Horn and her staff at the American Philatelic Research Library for their research and help in obtaining copies of various sources used in writing this article.

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Southeastern Stampshow 2006



Strap on your wings and get ready to fly to Atlanta this fall for *Southeastern Stamp Show*. This is our region's only American Philatelic Society "Champion of Champions" qualifying show, and it's only a few hours away (by car). Located on the north side in Marietta at the Cobb County Civic Center, 528 S. Marietta Parkway, the show is convenient to I-75 – parking and admission are free. Whether you want to make it a day trip or an overnight stay, add the show to your travel plans September 22-24. KPS is a member society of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, the show's sponsor.

The show theme is the 80th anniversary of the first airmail flight into Atlanta on Contract Air Mail (CAM) route 10, and the American Airmail Society will be featured at the show. The spectacular show cachet shown above features one of the new custom design stamps from *Stamps.com* and will be on sale at the show for only \$2.50.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 1

A Little Knoxville Postal History

by Tom Broadhead

This installment in my series on the Confederate provisional postal issues produced for use in Knoxville in 1861 features the most common artifact – the 5 cent provisional adhesive postage stamp. The Scott Catalogue lists two major colors, brick red (47X1) and carmine (47X2), priced singly and in multiples, on-cover and off-cover.



However, a little background research with an article by Peter W.W. Powell (2004) provided by Gerald Schroedl shows that there are many varieties based upon plate position and early and late printings. Powell also describes an important fake, the Petri fake,

printed from altered dies or printing plates.

The Knoxville provisional stamps very likely were printed in Nashville, engraved by Dan Adams and printed at the Nashville Gazette (Powell 2004, p. 50). Unlike provisional stamps from large cities, such as Memphis and New Orleans, the Knoxville stamps have higher catalog values used than mint.



Pairs of the 5 cent Knoxville stamp on cover are much rarer than singles on local mail. This letter was mailed in December 11, 1861 to New Orleans, and the stamps are cancelled with a pen stroke. It was part of the Siegel 2002 auction of the Dr. Karl Agre Collection and was described as one of only three known examples with a pair of stamps. It sold for \$5,750.

Powell, P.W.W., 2004. The Five-Cent Knoxville Postmaster Provisionals. *The Confederate Philatelist*, March-April 2004, p. 49-59.

<http://www.siegelauctions.com/2002/850/y85063.htm>

Washington 2006 Perspectives

by Stu Hanlein

I attended the 1976 international show in Philadelphia and knew what to expect, but this show outdid that one from the start. Registration was automated, and I went to the volunteer office and got a red volunteer shirt and a special badge to allow early entry into the exhibit hall. I met Nancy Clark, from the APS who was the chairperson for the youth activities. My job was to meet school groups and scouts and escort them through the exhibit hall to the youth activities area. Another group of volunteers helped them with stamp related games and activities where they got prizes and gifts from the USPS and APS. I showed all my groups the Inverted Jenny block at the Mystic Stamp booth.

All went well until Tuesday when I wasn't allowed early entrance, and my badge was rudely taken away from me. I learned that some people with volunteer badges had attempted to remove valuable exhibits from their frames. All volunteer badges were revoked! Fortunately, Nancy's husband Douglas had an official's badge and was able to get me on the floor so I could do my job. This was the way we operated for the rest of the show. On Thursday and Friday I took over the Precancel Stamp Society and enjoyed talking about precancels to newcomers and old timers alike.

I thoroughly enjoyed the show as I got to see some items that are very rare and got to call Bruce Roberts and tell him about his exhibit medal. When you go to a big show like this, you get an opportunity to meet dealers whom you have corresponded with over the years. You also become aware that this "hobby" is also a big business where dealers spend thousands of dollars for a booth and need to sell a lot of big ticket items to cover their costs. As a humble collector of "cheap" precancels and used worldwide stamps, I am afraid I didn't help too many dealers, but I did find a few items to put in my albums.

I have a greater respect for the dealers we have at *Knoxplex*, and especially Bill Muenzer, Bruce Roberts, and Pat & Mike. These people are involved because they love stamps and enjoy what they are doing (even though they won't admit it). We all need to support our dealers at home and be glad that they are here to help us with our collections so that our hobby can flourish. Go to the big show and be awed by what you see but come home and support your local dealers.

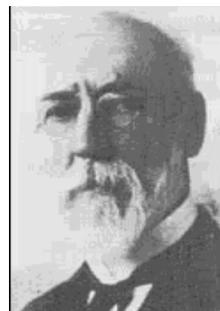
Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, September 5

John W. Scott and the Evolution of the Scott Catalogue

by Jim Pettway

Most of us seem to take for granted the one piece of philatelic literature we use most often - the Scott catalogues. Few really wonder or maybe even care how this great reference ever came to be. When and how did it get started? Where has it been and where is it going? Well, let's see.

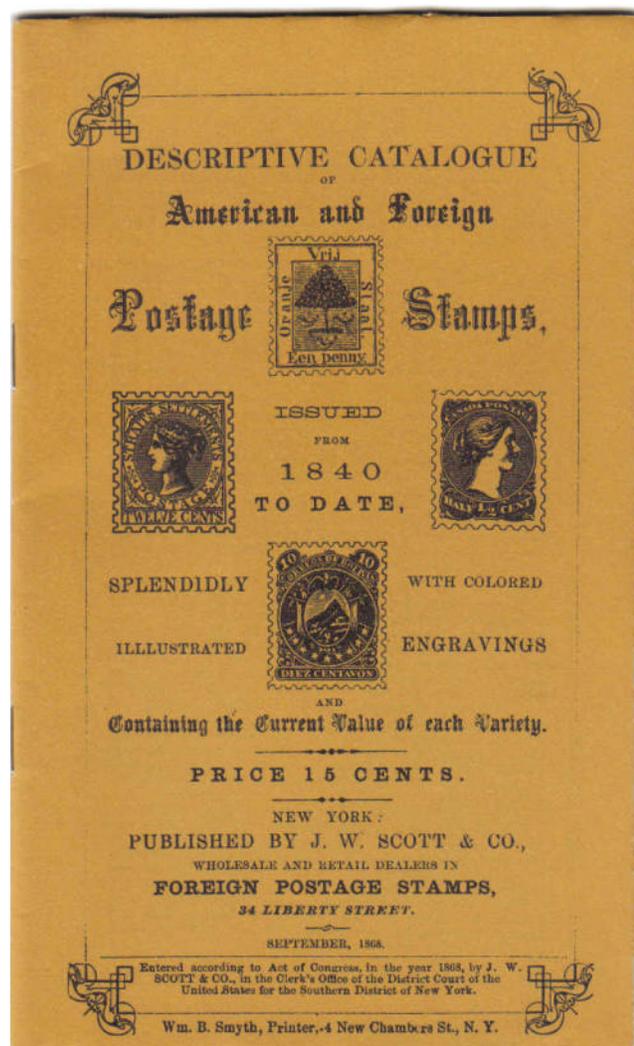
I would like to introduce you to the man most recognized for his many philatelic contributions, including the Scott catalogues - John Walter Scott. John was born in England in 1845 and became involved in stamp collecting at the age of 9. From stamp collecting he graduated into dealing in stamps as a way to obtain pocket money. At the age of 18 he moved from England to New York City and while in New York he enjoyed buying and selling stamps and found he could do quite well in this business. But being an eager and impatient young man, and the idea of fast money awaiting him in the California gold mines, he gave up his stamp business and set out for California.



In 1867 when John discovered that California did not offer him the answer to riches, he returned to New York City. Here he resumed stamp trading and a business that had served him well in the past.

Upon his return and at the age of 21 Scott issued, in June 1867, his first "J.W. Scott & Co.'s Monthly Price List." This one sided, single page price list measured 7-1/2 by 17 inches and, by its size, was apparently meant to be used as a flyer or broadside. This was the first of 15 monthly price lists issued through August 1868 and was the beginning of the Scott catalogue. No complete set of these price lists exists today and only 4 issues - (3) August

1867, (4) September 1867, (9) February 1868, and (11) April 1868 are known to exist. Copies are held by the British Library, the National Postal Museum, the American Philatelic Research Library, and private owners; only the British Library possesses all four.

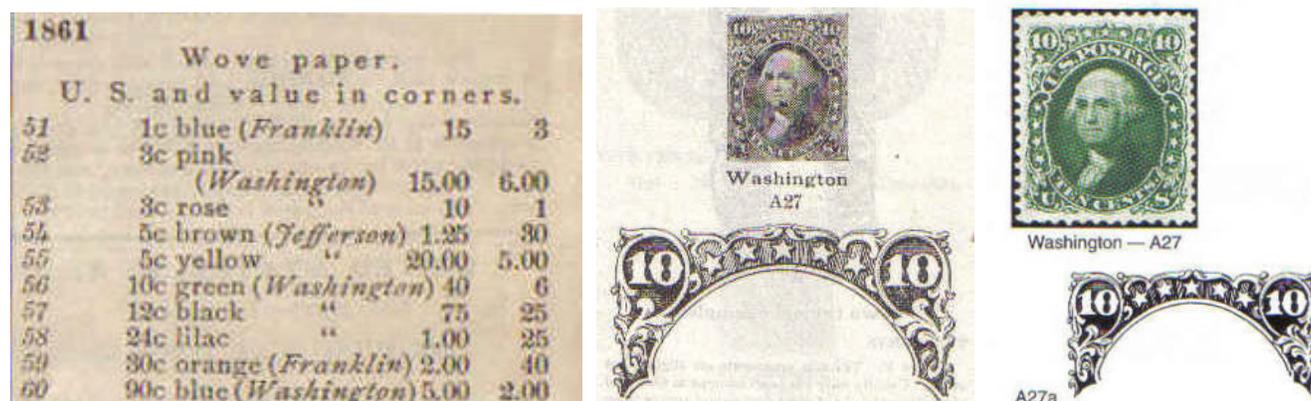


The Scott catalogue began to take its present form with the 16th edition (September 1868) (shown at left). This 24 page *Descriptive Catalogue of American and Foreign Postage Stamps* was bound and illustrated with 4 stamps on the cover and 11 inside. Of particular note are the stamps illustrated on the inside shown in single colors. The price? Just 15¢! At the time of the 16th edition John Scott introduced his line of stamp albums and advertised them on the back cover of his catalogue. In the preface to this catalogue he wrote that although he had probably the largest stamp inventory in the world, it was impossible to have every item listed in his catalogue. It is also important to note that the prices Scott published up to and including this time were retail prices he was asking for his stamps and/or prices that he knew other dealers were asking. John Scott established the stamp market in America.

Over the years 1868 to 1893 Scott catalogues grew in size as well as arrangement and format as Mr. Scott experimented. During this time Scott published and introduced to the philatelic community the *American Journal of Philately*. This started in 1868 as a monthly journal and then in 1879 changed to a quarterly journal, ceasing publication in 1886. Within just a few years, Scott introduced the *Scott catalogue*, the *Scott American Album* and the *American Journal*.

By 1886 (different sources indicate years 1885 and 1887 as well) Scott had achieved the financial success that he worked to obtain and sold his stamp business and his title to the *Scott Catalogue*. As his business passed to the newly formed Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Scott headed to Wall Street to try his hand in the stock market. He soon learned that he knew more about stamps than he did about stocks and returned to the stamp business in 1889 as "J.W. Scott Co., Ltd.," much to the dislike of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. John Scott was taken to court for attempting to use his name in conjunction with the stamp business that he had supposedly sold to that company. The Supreme Court found in favor of Scott stating that no matter what the contract, no man can sign away his right to make a living by the only means available to him. Over the next 26 years and until his retirement a few years prior to his death in 1919, John W. Scott prospered in the stamp business.

One of the most noticeable changes in the Scott Catalogue under the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. was the assigning of a number to each stamp. Until this time, individual numbers were not assigned to stamps. The stamps were just listed by country with year and description. With Scott Edition 46 in 1888 the new owners assigned an individual catalog number to each stamp.



Compare the different generations of descriptions and illustrations in the Scott Catalogue. At left is all the information provided – no picture – in the listing of the 1895 catalogue (note the 6 cent price for a used 10c green!). In the middle is the rather poor quality image seen in the 1939 volume, typical of many of the 20th century illustrations. At right is the new look in full color from the 2005 catalogue. Many improvements have taken place over the history of the Scott Catalogues, and numbers have changed – this stamp, number 56 in 1895, is now number 68.

In 1922 the Scott Stamp and Coin Company introduced the *United States Stamps Specialized Catalogue*. There had been a printing overrun of United States pages for the regular 78th Scott edition, and there were enough extra sets of pages to make up 400 special catalogues – each bound in leather. This catalogue was so well accepted that *Scott's United States Stamp Catalogue Specialized* was offered officially as a first edition in 1923, also leather bound with pages printed on only one side.

In 1938 the owners of Scott Stamp & Coin Company sold the publishing portion of the business to Scott Publications, Inc. Since 1938 the two companies have been totally independent of each other, Scott Stamp & Coin Company selling stamps and coins, and Scott Publications, Inc. publishing catalogues and other stamp collecting items. Today Scott Publishing Company in Sidney, Ohio, is a division of Amos Press, Inc.

And so the Scott catalogue continues to change with the times. From a one page black and white flyer published in 1867 to today's 8 bound volumes with stamp pictures in color and in digital format in CD ROM packages. Could John W. Scott have ever dreamed that what he started nearly 140 years ago would have evolved into what it is today?

Scott Catalogue Highlights

1867 - first J.W. Scott & Co. Monthly Price List

1868 - first bound and illustrated edition of the *Descriptive Catalogue of American and Foreign Postage Stamps*

1888 - 46th Edition of the Scott catalogue assigns a number to each stamp listed.

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Collecting the World

Many of us, including myself, started this hobby as worldwide collectors. During the mid 20th century, it wasn't that difficult to collect stamps from all continents and countries. Remember that the Scott classics catalog – 1840-1940 – is still a single convenient volume. Now being truly a worldwide collector, especially a collector of new issues is not only logistically challenging, but extremely expensive!

In a July 31 article published in *Linn's*, Denise McCarty writes about a spring 2006 report in *Michel-Rundschau*, a German monthly stamp magazine. That article analyzed world stamp issues for the 21 year period of 1984-2004. During that time, the face values of all world stamp issues ranged from a "low" of \$4,430.87 in 1987 (only 8,496 different stamps plus 926 souvenir sheets) to a high in 2004 of \$9,968.06 (10,230 stamps plus 1,126 souvenir sheets). If you had tried to collect all stamps and souvenir sheets over that time period, your initial investment (not counting shipping or handling fees for your orders) would have been more than \$142,000.

Many stamp-issuing countries do so as an important source of revenue. The Gambia issued 302 stamps and 21 souvenir sheets with a face value of \$278, and Chad had 60 stamps and 72 souvenir sheets with a face value of \$290 in 2004. Even the U.S. occasionally comes under fire from collectors for too many stamp issues. In 2004, it was ranked 18th among the most prolific stamp producing countries, but a complete set of U.S. issues that year cost a relatively modest \$49.

The good news about all of this is that there is more to collect and many specialties possible. I hope the great variety inspires more new collectors!

Tom Broadhead

SEFSC Announces 2006 Rowland Hill Award Winner

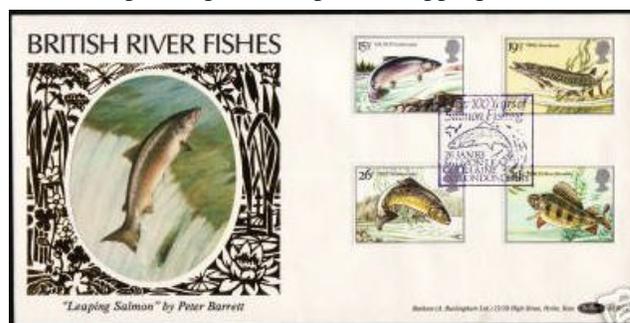
Dr. William "Bill" Waggoner is the second recipient of the Rowland Hill Award, given by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs in recognition of distinguished contributions to the advancement of philately in the southeast. Bill is a leading specialist in the U.S. revenue stamps. A contributor of articles to *American Philatelist* and *The American Revenuer*, Bill has won Grand Awards for both multiple frame and single frame exhibits. He is a founder of Peach State Stamp Show, the precursor to the current Southeastern Stamp Show, and is an active member of the Athens Philatelic Society. Congratulations, Bill.

APS Circuit Books return at October 31st Tuesday meeting

Mark your calendars for the next round of APS circuit books. Come ready to shop at the October 31st fifth Tuesday meeting and the November 7 regular meeting.

Ebay Treasure

Last month, Hans Ahlstedt gave a great program on fresh water sport fishing. In recognition of that, here is a nice British first day cover showing the 1983 set of British river fish (Scott 1011-1014). It sold on August 6 with a single bid for 99 pence, plus 1.25 pound shipping.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 1, 2006

The August 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Sixteen (16) members were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Hans Ahlstedt gave the program, a presentation of his topical collection of fresh water game fish stamps from around the world. Being a flyfishing catch-and-release sportsman shows why he collected these topicals.

Mike Kauffman called the business meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Last month's minutes were approved, and Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer's report. Under old business, it was announced that members who wish their collecting information to be included in the club directory should give the information to Tom Broadhead by next month's meeting. A recommendation was made to drop the \$12.50 "family" membership dues, and ideas for publicizing the club were discussed. The Knox County libraries will post our newsletter for two weeks. The board will take up several matters at its August 29 meeting.

Tom Broadhead reminded members that the entry form for exhibits at Southeastern Stamp Show is available on the Southeast Federations' web site – www.stampclubs.com. Bruce Roberts announced that he would be unable to work with club members on exhibits at 6:30 p.m. prior to the September 5 meeting. Tom volunteered to help that night with a discussion of exhibit synopses.

Tony Torres will give the program at the September meeting, featuring fluorescence in stamps. He will bring a UV light and several color guides. Members were asked to bring stamps for identification.

Bill Munser's stamp bourse is on August 19-20 at the Quality Inn. The club will have a table with membership information.

Tom Broadhead mentioned that KPS will again have the opportunity to purchase an ad in the program for Southeastern Stamp Show and can also sponsor an activity. Information has not yet been received, and last year the ad cost \$45.

Tom also raised the question about the disposition of the KPS library and other materials. There was discussion about auctioning some volumes at Knoxpex. Old, unserved cachet envelopes were sold to members present. Tom is also looking for articles for the newsletter, including page-long and shorter contributions.

The board will decide several financial questions at its meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 29. Among those will be proposed changes in dues, banners and signage for Knoxpex, and sponsorship at Southeastern Stamp Show. All KPS members are welcome to attend the board meeting.

Mike Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

Stamp of the Month – by Ralph Dinwiddie

This month's stamp is the Project Mercury commemorative, Scott #1193. The Post Office surprised collectors on February 20, 1962 when, for the first time, a stamp was issued simultaneously with the event it commemorated. It was announced on the afternoon of February 20th once it was certain the space flight of astronaut John Glenn was successful. A special postal station was set up at Cape Canaveral, and 304 other post offices were told to open the secret packages shipped to them. They had only from the time of the announcement (3:30 pm) until the close of business that day to service first day covers. Surprisingly, the stamps found their way to additional post offices, and unofficial first day covers are highly collectable. Stamps are courtesy of Nicole Gamble.



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Degrees of Separation

by Tom Broadhead

Today we take for granted the ease in separating stamps from each other. With the new die-cut roulettes typical of commemoratives and most definitives, stamps separate fairly easy from each other. This has not always been true, and even modern water-activated stamps can be challenging to separate without leaving short or pulled perforations.

The world's earliest stamps were issued imperforate, and postal clerks and the public had to use scissors to separate them. Unfortunately, cutting was frequently careless, and sometimes stamps were printed so close together that good

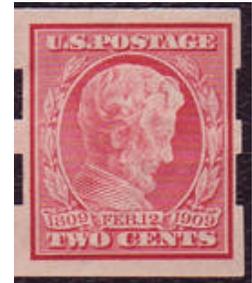


The pair of Bahamas #1 was cut into the design at the lower margin, but the Geneva Canton issue (2L3) has part of an adjacent stamp. The French Tour de France commemorative (693) was issued perforated, but imperforate copies were created for collectors.

quality, stamps with four margins are rare. Classic stamps with large margins, especially those with parts of adjacent stamps attached, sell for a premium. Today, imperforate stamps are more likely errors or special printings produced by postal authorities.

Early attempts to facilitate separation did not always succeed. As an alternative to perforation, some countries rouletted their early stamps. The principal difference between perforation and rouletting is that perforating typically

removes part of the paper, whereas rouletting produces small cuts between stamps without removing any paper. Until the recent advent of self-adhesive stamps in the United States, rouletting was not common after the nineteenth century. The most common 19th century U.S. rouletted stamps are the battleship revenues issued in 1898.



China #5 is a roughly perforated stamp. Finland #11 shows spectacular serpentine roulette, but many single copies have missing teeth. US #368 is imperforate with "Schermack type III" perforations for coil vending.

Sometimes separation required cutting through a stamp in order to attempt to make a stamp of a smaller denomination. Typically, this was done with scissors, but some-

times bisecting was done by perforating large numbers of stamps. Most privately bisected stamps are worth considerably more than their intact counter-parts, but government bisected issues usually are much cheaper.



- Bisected French 10 centime stamp tied to a letter with a 20 centime stamp in 1871.



- Paraguay #200a government perforated bisect of 75c used in 1912 with a postal value of 20c

When perforating machines malfunctioned or paper was incorrectly fed, perforation errors and freaks resulted. The U.S. revenue (R33b) is imperforate at top and bottom, the result of the absence of horizontal perforations. Chinese stamps (211) at far right were perforated in the middle of the design due to incorrect paper alignment.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 5

A Little Knoxville Postal History

by Tom Broadhead

This is the final chapter in my series on the Confederate provisional postal issues produced for use in Knoxville in 1861. Saving the most interesting for last, it features the unique 10 cent provisional adhesive postage stamp (47X3). The Scott Catalogue lists this stamp only on-cover.



In 1987, this beautiful stamp lightly cancelled on an envelope addressed to Ashland, Virginia, was sold as part of the "Scott Gallagher Collection of Tennessee Postal History During the Civil War" by Christies Robson Lowe, and fetched a nice \$29,700 price.

It is one of those storied stamps, which after its discovery in 1886 passed through the collections of some of the world's most famous collectors, including Ferrari, Caspary, and Lilly. But its fascination goes beyond its provenance. For many years, it was considered to be a fake.

In 1987, following the Christie's sale, The Philatelic Foundation issued a certificate (#0172356) indicating that the stamp was "bogus." Subsequent research published in the *Confederate Philatelist* (1989-1991) and summarized in *Tennessee Posts*, v. 6, p. 6.4-6.19 provided additional information about the stamp and cover, which led to a new certificate (#0241540) issued by The Philatelic Foundation on February 17, 1993 stating that the stamp is "the genuine Scott 47X3, used on cover."

The new research demonstrated that (1) the paper type of the 10c was consistent with some certified copies of the 5c Knoxville provisional, (2) that the size of the indistinct circular date stamp was consistent with other Knoxville cancellations, and (3) that the addressee, Mrs. Jane M. Tiller was a person at that address documented by other correspondence.

During the Civil War, Knoxville's postmaster, C.H. Charlton, through provisional handstamps, envelopes, and stamps, enriched both the history and postal history of our city, creating many philatelic gems. Thanks go to Gerald Schroedl for providing references.

Southeastern Stamp Show – September 22-24

Plan to attend this month's Southeastern Stamp Show at the Cobb County Civic Center. KPS will again sponsor youth activities at the show. The show theme is the 80th Anniversary of contract mail service to Atlanta (CAM 10). Details appeared in the August KPS newsletter.

Auction of Tennessee Postal History

On September 8, Shreves Philatelic Galleries, Inc. will auction the Jeanette C. Rudy Collection of "Tennessee" Postal History. I put Tennessee in quotes because the 48 spectacular and rare covers all have a Nashville connection, rather than more broadly representing the state. Shown below are two lots of Nashville Confederate provisional stamps. The pair of 5 cent (Scott 61X2) and the 10 cent on piece (Scott 61X6) mirror the Knoxville provisional stamps, and the stamps of both cities are believed to have been printed in Nashville.



The 10 cent is described as being mounted on a piece (photographically cropped here) "to which it does not belong which is merged with another piece that has a genuine blue Nashville cancel." There is no doubt that this 10 cent stamp is genuine, unlike previous doubts about the 10 cent Knoxville provisional stamp discussed in the accompanying article.

The auction includes a wide range of early covers, from free franks and stampless to Confederate general issues, which are rare because Nashville was occupied by Union troops in 1862. The catalog is online at <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/F/F82.cfm>. The web site also offers free catalogs on request from Shreves Philatelic Galleries, Inc. by phone at 800-556-7826 or by e-mail to shreves@shreves.com.

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, October 3

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Happy Stamp Collecting Month!

Think about ways to enjoy your collection and look for new collecting areas this month. Each October, we celebrate Stamp Collecting Month, and this month's KPS meeting will include information about the American Philatelic Society and a great offer that APS is making for new collectors. Bring your ideas to share about what you like most about our hobby. Better yet, bring a potential member!

Congratulations to Bill Munser on a successful bourse held in late August. Many KPS members were there, and we had some great opportunities to share want lists with dealers who will be back in town for Knopex 2007 in March. The great news for KPS is the two new members signed up by Richard Ehrlich. We welcome Harry Brooks and Robert Lancaster.

Many of us are tired of the smudgy, ugly, sprayed on cancels that make modern stamps and covers look uncollectable. If you are sending an envelope to a friend who collects or will save it for you, be sure to ask your postal clerk to hand cancel the stamps. This is a **free service**, although it has been reported that clerks in some cities have claimed that there is a charge for this service. The free nature of hand canceling is explained in the Postal Operations Manual, subparagraph 231.4a.

Can someone explain the rationale in the Scott catalog numbers? The 40 stamps in the Wonders of America pane each received a different catalog number, and the pane is 4072a. In contrast, the Washington 2006 souvenir has an individual number, but the different stamps are 4075a, b, and c.

Enjoy your collection and find new ways to collect this month.

Tom Broadhead

APS Membership Opportunity

Are you a member of the American Philatelic Society?

For the remainder of 2006, the APS is offering a special discounted membership rate for new members. This is a great opportunity to join one of the world's greatest philatelic organizations at a 50% discount over the regular cost. New members joining in 2006 will receive a current year's membership, plus membership through 2007 for only \$19.00. Top among member benefits are the monthly magazine, *American Philatelist*. In addition to that, members can shop online in the "Stamp Store" on the APS web site, can subscribe individually to the APS stamp circuit sales, can borrow references at a very low cost from the American Philatelic Research Library, and get special prices on expertising.

Learn more about APS at our recruitment program at the October 3 monthly meeting.

APS Circuit Books return at October 31st fifth Tuesday meeting

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Ebay Treasure

In honor of the Knopex 2007 theme, this month's treasure is a complete, mint, unhinged set of the 1907 Jamestown commemoratives (Scott 328-330), which sold on September 6 with 7 bids leading to a winning price of \$56.00. The Scott catalog value is \$465.00.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 5, 2006

The September 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Seventeen (17) members and two guests were present. President Mike Kauffman brought the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

The August minutes were approved, and Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer's report. He reviewed local CD rates and was authorized to purchase a CD for the club this week.

The three choices for the Knoxpex theme were presented, and the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown was selected. Even though the Jamestown commemorative stamps will not be issued until May, members believed that appropriate stamps could be found for the cachet.

The club decided to purchase a new Knoxpex banner for \$180. Gerald Schroedl agreed to be Knoxpex 2007 chairman and will investigate the purchase of small yard signs to advertise the show.

The proposal, approved by the Board to change dues to a uniform amount of \$10 per individual or household was read. The proposal is printed on the next page of the newsletter and will be voted at the October 3 meeting. The payment of \$50 for a program ad and \$20 for youth exhibits at Southeastern Stamp Show was announced.

Mike Kauffman will arrange for newsletters to be sent to local libraries, and Hans Ahlstedt will arrange for listings in Metro Pulse and the News Sentinel. The new member resource directory will be out next month. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

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Tony Torres gave a superb program on color and fluorescence in stamps. In addition to showing several color guides, he demonstrated the use of ultra violet light to recognize tagging, and both ink and paper varieties.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.

KPS Board Meeting – August 29, 2006

Mike Kauffman called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm on Tuesday, August 29. There were nine (9) members present. Themes for Knoxpex 2007 were discussed, and three topics: 400th Anniversary of Jamestown Settlement, 200th Birthday of Robert E. Lee, and 100th Anniversary of Christmas Seals, will be voted upon at the September 5 meeting. Duties at Knoxpex included a discussion of show chair, plus Bruce Roberts – exhibits, Tom Copas – space and banners, Mike Kauffman – bourse, Russ and Randy Haese – youth activities.

A motion was approved to have a single, \$10 membership fee, and this will be published in the newsletter and voted at the October meeting. Richard Ehrlich was authorized to purchase a \$2500 certificate of deposit. To better publicize KPS, it was proposed that copies of the newsletter be sent to area libraries and that meetings be listed in local newspapers. Jim Pettway is the appointed APS representative. Stu Hanlein discussed a local precancel organization and suggested that KPS host the annual convention of the Pre-cancel Society in 2009. Tom Broadhead talked about the APS special recruiting membership fee and a recruitment program at the October KPS meeting. He also presented the invoice and information for the KPS advertisement in the Southeastern Stamp Show program and our sponsorship of youth exhibits. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

APS Circuit Report

Jim Pettway reports that nearly \$200 worth of stamps was purchased by KPS members at the August-September APS Circuit sales, which Jim coordinates.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a back of the book special from Belgium. It is a beautifully engraved 10 franc parcel post stamp (Scott Q320), issued in 1949 as part of an eighteen stamp set depicting early to modern locomotives. These



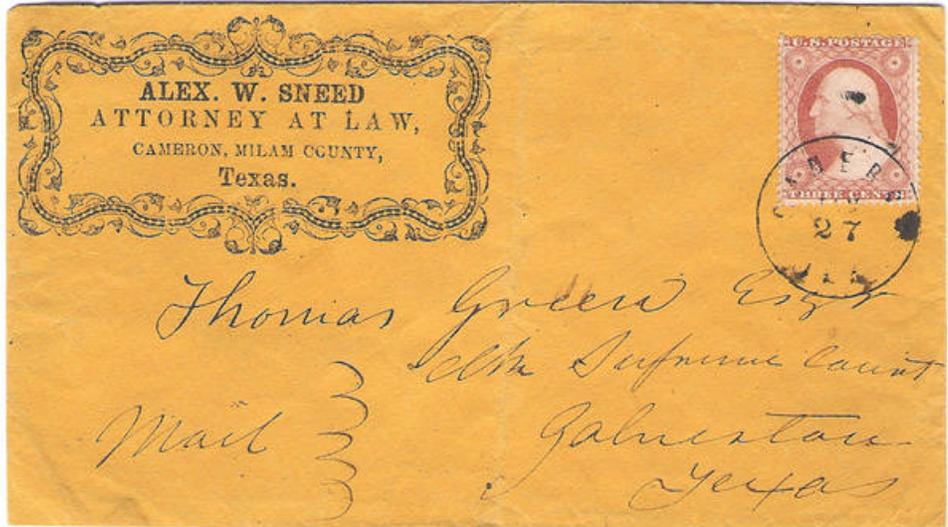
stamps typically show heavy, rectangular cancels applied on packages carried across the country by train. They come to us courtesy of Nicole Gamble.

Tales of Two Covers

by Barry Van Winkle and James Cate

(Editor's note: Barry and Jim have never met, but when KPS member Barry sent me the picture and story of the Thomas Green cover, I remembered that Chattanooga Stamp Club member and Knoxpex 2006 gold medal exhibitor, Jim Cate is an expert on the Banks Expedition. To understand the connection, read on.)

The addressee (clerk of Texas Supreme Court, in Galveston) is Thomas Green who left Tennessee to fight in the Texas Revolution. The cover has a Cameron Texas CDS Jan 27 and docketing on the back Feb 4 1861. The Texas Secession Convention was called to order in Austin on the 28th and the Ordinance of Secession was adopted February 1, 1861. The cover was either en route or arrived as Texas seceded. Green became famous as CSA Gen.



Tom Green fighting in the Red River Campaigns against General Banks. He was decapitated by an eleven-inch Federal cannon shot while leading his cavalry against the gunboat USS Black Hawk.

President Lincoln approved a plan to send Union forces up the Mississippi River from New Orleans. On November 9, 1862. He picked General Nathaniel P. Banks to head this effort and ordered him to New York to organize a campaign against Vicksburg planned for the spring of 1863. Banks and his troops arrived in New Orleans on December 13, 1862.



This cover was mailed at Adrian, New York on March 6, 1863 to Sergeant Dwight Warren, 2nd – Co. F – 161st New York Volunteers – Banks Expedition – New Orleans, Louisiana.

👉 KPS Bylaws amendment proposed 👈

The following proposed change was approved by the Executive Board, August 29, 2006.

Article III, Section 3, Third Sentence (existing):

Membership classifications and dues shall be:

1. Adult members, \$ 10.00 per year
2. Family memberships, \$ 12.50 per year
3. Youth, 17 years and younger, \$2.00 annually

Motion: Replace the existing member class and dues structure with:

Dues shall be \$10.00 per year for each member/household.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 3

A Little Tennessee Postal History – the World's 1st Airmail Stamps

by Tom Broadhead

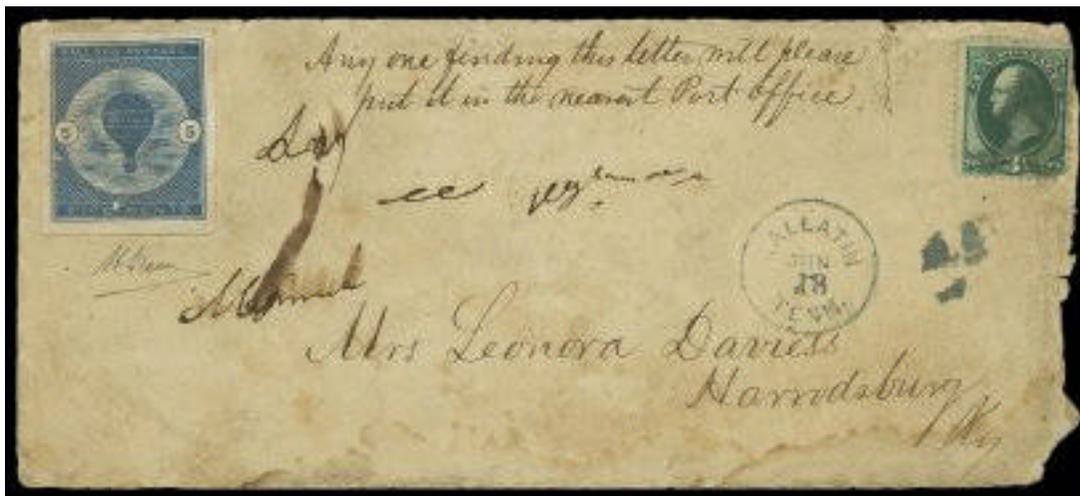
Last month I concluded a series of short articles about the Knoxville Confederate provisional issues, produced in 1861 during the time following demonetization of U.S. stamps and before the arrival of Confederate States general issues. Now I have become intrigued with the premier lot in the recent Shreves auction of the Jeanette C. Rudy Collection.

On June 18, 1877, Samuel Archer King and six others made a balloon flight from Nashville to Gallatin, Tennessee. With them in the basket was a mailbag containing letters each posted with the typical 3 cent stamp of the day, plus a 5 cent local stamp showing the balloon in flight under the heading "balloon postage."

The stamps were designed by John B. Lillard, and printed by his employer, Wheeler Brothers Printers & Publishers in Nashville. They were imperforate and printed in sheets of 20 (2 rows of 10), with the upper row printed upside down with respect to the lower row (also known as tete-beche).

The cover from the Rudy collection is regarded as the finest of the Buffalo Balloon covers and is the only one known with the proper postage and markings. The Gallatin June 18 date stamp is a transit mark applied at the end of the balloon flight. From there, the letter was posted to Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

The cover sold at the September 8, 7:00 pm auction for \$130,000, not including the 15% buyers fee – at the high end of the estimate – \$100,000 to \$150,000. In all, the 48 lots in the Rudy sale were hammered down in 45 minutes.



A Letter to KPS Members

As of August 21, total paid membership in KPS stood at 51. This is, I believe, the first time in nearly ten years that membership has been greater than 50 after dropping to a low of 24 in 2000. A significant amount of this increase has occurred in the last two-and-a-half years.

Much of the credit for this growth in membership belongs to Tom Broadhead and Ralph Dinwiddie for their efforts to make the Newsletter more interesting to members. In addition, credit also goes to the initiative of Bruce Roberts during his term last year as President to make monthly meetings more interesting. Current President Mike Kauffman continues this effort.

I also commend Randy and Russ Haese for their efforts to provide an interesting project for young stamp collectors at Knospex 2006. A stagnant group would have replied to their suggestion, "We've never done that before; therefore, we can't do it." KPS responded, "We're not sure how to do it; but if you'll show us how, let's do it."

Similarly, when Jim Pettway suggested that the club try to schedule APS Circuit Books for 5th Tuesday meetings, the club's attitude was "let's try it." Even with the small cost to the club, all KPS members benefit from exposure to a lot more stamps for their collections.

Richard Ehrlich, Treasurer

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Selecting a Show Theme

One of the challenges facing any stamp club that hosts an annual show is the selection of a theme. Decisions must be made that not only reflect on current or historical events, but also represent the goals and interests of the club and its members. For the last few years (Jonas Salk – 2005, Rock & Roll – 2006, and the 400th anniversary of Jamestown – 2007) the selections for *Knoxplex* have been made with a lot of interest and involvement by KPS members.

For 2007, there were many great suggestions. The most important philatelic event was the 150th anniversary of perforated US postage stamps, but would that theme appeal to the general public and attract new members? Another consideration was the 25th anniversary of the Knoxville World's Fair, but we had celebrated the 20th anniversary at *Knoxplex 2002*. Finalist ideas included the 100th international anniversary of Christmas Seals, the 200th birth anniversary of Robert E. Lee, and the Jamestown quadricentennial. In the final member vote, Christmas in March was deemed unseasonable, and there was little enthusiasm for Robert E. Lee.

The overwhelming consensus was Jamestown, but we like to use vintage stamps on our cachets! How much would cost just to purchase 39¢ of 1907 Jamestown commemoratives for one cachet? This year, we will follow the lead of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs and design a custom printed stamp to be purchased from *stamps.com* or *zazzle.com*. Your ideas for designs will be most welcome. Please share them with me and with our cachet designer, Ralph Dinwiddie.

Start thinking about *Knoxplex 2007* – March 3-4!

Tom Broadhead

Southeastern Stamp Show News

Knoxville Philatelic Society was well represented at September's Southeastern Stamp Show. Member dealers Mike Kauffman and Pat Goebel (Mike & Pat Collectibles) and Bill Muenzer (K-Town Stamps) were in the bourse of 28 dealers. Many other KPS members drove down to spend a day at the show.

Both Bruce Roberts and Tom Broadhead won awards on their exhibits shown at the Southeastern Stamp Show in late September. Bruce's single frame exhibit of the "Pan American Air Mail Test – November 1, 1946" received a vermeil award in the show competition and also a vermeil award from the American Airmail Society, which was a guest organization. Tom won a gold award for "Balloon Post Cards of the Franco-German War, 1870-1871" and a vermeil award for "Subterranean Air Mail: French Pneumatic Post Card Usages 1879-1901." Look for articles on these exhibits in upcoming newsletters.

Holiday Party – December 5

Bruce Roberts has made arrangements for our annual holiday celebration at Ramsey's Cafeteria, located in the Days Inn motel at 5331 Central Avenue Pike – just north of Merchants Drive. The dinner will begin at 6:30. Stay tuned for updates on the program.

Ebay Treasure

In recognition of Barry Van Winkle's program on Texas postal history, here is a 1865 stampless cover from San Marcos to San Antonio. It sold on October 12 for \$138.36 with 11 bids.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 3, 2006

The October 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 231 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Nineteen (19) members were present.

Barry Van Winkle started the meeting with a presentation on Texas postal history. He included information about Texas as part of Mexico, as an independent republic, and finally statehood. Along the way he introduced such historical characters as Sam Huston and Santa Anna and showed his wonderful collection of prestamp covers. In January Barry will present the second part, the Texas-Tennessee connection.

Mike Kauffman called the business meeting together at 8:05. Members accepted minutes from last month. Treasurer Richard Ehrlich discussed the purchase of a 13 month \$2500 CD. He also said that the APS circuit books were a good opportunity for the members to purchase quality stamps, which only cost the club \$3.95 for the last shipment.

Next the stamp for *Knoxpex 2007* was discussed. Tom Broadhead said a computer printed special stamp could be designed and purchased for approximately two times face value. It would come in sheets of 20 with the club needing 80-100 cachets. It was also suggested to give the exhibitors and dealers a cachet.

The next shipment of APS circuit books will be available after the October 31st board meeting as well as at 6 pm before the November 7th regular meeting. Prior to that meeting Bruce Roberts will discuss the layout of material on exhibit pages. He informed members of the

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need to have a regular progression of the material from the first page or frame to the end.

Mike Kauffman said Bill Muenser's son will again be night security for *Knoxpex*. Bruce Roberts suggested a donation bowl as was at the sign-in desk in Atlanta. Mike said it is not usual to charge a fee to a bourse at this time, and it might have a negative effect.

The provision for the change in the bylaws in the amount charged for dues was read and passed. There is now only one membership fee rate of \$10. There would be no discount other than prorating upon joining the club.

October is stamp collecting month. As part of that celebration, APS offered a special \$19 membership fee for 2006 and 2007, and at least three KPS members plan to join. A silent auction was held raising \$10 for the club from Disney postal card set.

Hans Ahlstedt sent club meeting information to *Metro Pulse* for its community activities section. Mike said there are 21 libraries in the Knoxville system, and we probably would not want to send a newsletter to each. It was discussed that the new Cedar Bluff library has a high attendance and may be a good choice for a newsletter as well as the downtown main library. Jim Pettway said we might be able to put a newsletter at the Weisgarber post office, and Stu Hanlein will inquire. Tom Broadhead said the club directory should be available at the next meeting.

Our newsletter on the web gets more hits than any other one on the Southeastern Federation web. Congratulations to Tom Broadhead and Ralph Dinwiddie on a job well done.

Stu Hanlein discussed efforts to start a precancel club in Knoxville, with the initial meeting set for *Knoxpex* in March. There are seven prospective members thus far. Dealers for *Knoxpex* will be informed that there are people interested in precancel material in a follow-up letter from bourse chair Mike Kauffman in January.

Submitted by,
Pat Goebel, Secretary

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is from the very large (37 different stamps) series of traditional costume designs issued by Austria from 1948 to 1952. This set was used as the country's definitive stamps until 1957. The 1.50 schilling value shows a woman in Viennese costume. Stamps are courtesy of Nicole Gamble.



An American Collector in Europe

By Charlie Wade

With the concerns about the decline or stagnation of stamp collecting as a pastime in America, it is refreshing to visit an area where the hobby is still in vogue. Over the past three years, I have spent ten weeks in Europe on a combination of pleasure and business, and during these visits I have visited 15 different stamp issuing countries. I always try to check out the local area for philatelic interest. From my observations, collecting is not only surviving, but flourishing in Europe.

While in England in June this year, I made a point to visit the Stanley Gibbons stamp store, one of the largest in the world. The shop is located just near Trafalgar Square in central London. Leaving my wife Jo in a street side café for her “cup of tea,” I stopped in for a visit. The store was about the size of an American chain drug store and was buzzing with activity. I counted 6 clerks on the main floor and 17 visitors at one time talking to clerks, browsing through albums, catalogs and packets, or at the back counter searching for specific countries or topics. The most amazing sight was a “proper English Lady” in her mid-fifties decked out in hat, gloves, dress, stockings, and high heels (in 90 degree temperatures during the European heat wave) sorting through country packets. Since I did not carry my UK want list, I only bought a few packets of European countries, just to say I’d shopped here.



Stanley Gibbons store in London



Inside the Gibbons store

Across the street was the Stamp Centre, which offered stamps, coins, post cards, covers and military memorabilia. They actually had a help wanted ad in the window seeking a full-time clerk with extensive knowledge of stamp collecting. Here I enjoyed browsing through covers, my only buy being a French cover mailed from the Admiralty in Paris to London in 1919. As I was at the counter, a lady brought in a collection to sell. The clerk directed her to another shop just 3-4 blocks down the street. I would have loved to visit that shop, but the free time Jo allowed me had expired.



Stamp Centre of London

In the UK I found a variety of stamp collecting books and magazines, such as *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*, readily available in book stores and news stands. I also got my usual gift from my mother-in-law, who has bought me new issues of the UK for the last 25 years. Now in her 80's she can't make it to the post office that often, but still saves me commemoratives from letters, foreign stamps and special issues covering the royal family, and special events. Every time I visit, she gives me a cigar box with all the items saved from the past year.

During the same trip, we took a Mediterranean cruise. In Italy while walking the alleys, canals, and bridges in Venice we happened upon a small open-air market. At one of the stalls, I found a stock book full of Italian stamps priced in Euros but about \$6.00 in US money. Most of these stamps were modern, and since I only collect pre-1940 Italian, I passed on this opportunity. But after an hour or so, I thought what a good item to bring home from our trip and I decided to go back. Alas, when we tried to find the market again amongst the Italian maze, we never could! My wife told me I should have bought it on the spot, and I took that as license to buy what I saw in the future. During our stay in Rome, I did find a treasure, again in a stall along a busy park. Here there must have been 10,000+ covers, post cards, and packets from all over Europe. I spent an hour rummaging through boxes of stamps and covers. Not needing to spend a fortune to have fun, I bought a packet of older Italian issues, plus a nice cover from the Vatican from the early 60's.

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Street side stall in Rome

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In Spain, our one stop was in Barcelona. While walking to the Gaudi Cathedral I passed a nice looking stamp shop. But it was siesta time, and the shop was closed. It had many nice items displayed in the window but from the prices, I guess it was best that the shop was not open. Not giving up, I found an open-air market selling everything imaginable. One shop-keeper had a large box of assorted stamps at ten for a Euro, and I bought about 30 Spanish stamps.

Another stop was Cannes, France along with Monaco and Monte Carlo. It was Sunday and I could not find any stamp shops. In Monaco I did see a large poster in a parking garage with illustrations of stamps but, not reading French, had no idea

what it said. While passing the royal palace in Monaco, the flag was flying indicating Prince Albert was in residence. I joked with my wife that I could have e-mailed him that we were visiting and he would have invited us up to view his collection. (I believe this was during the time the royal collection was in Washington at the 2006 World Exposition).

Probably the biggest surprise was when our cruise ship docked in Dubrovnik, Croatia. I looked out our cabin window and right before my eyes was a stand with a big banner stating “*Philately, Numismatics, Post Cards and Souvenirs.*” There were no specialties, but a large assortment of packets from Croatia and Yugoslavia which made a nice addition to my collection.



Charlie in Monaco

Our final after the cruise was in Finland, which was business for both Jo and me. We were in a small city, Tempere, 75 miles north of Helsinki. I did not find any stamp shops, but did buy some packets of Scandinavian stamps at a souvenir shop.

The evidence of the popularity of our hobby in Europe reminded me of a business trip I took a couple of years ago. In Budapest, I saw a small stamp shop in a subway station with hundreds of items crammed in the small window. I saw a similar shop on the street in Prague. Both times I thought, how wonderful to have stamp dealers right there amongst all the public traffic. In Glasgow, I visited a large stamp shop where eight other gentlemen doing the same all wanted to talk to me about collecting and my area of interest.

On our trip this summer, I picked up something from all seven countries we visited and probably spent less than \$25.00 – a great bargain for the fun I had. Stamp collecting truly is an international pastime with no language or cultural barriers.

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October 31 – 5th Tuesday Meeting

A lot of great philatelic activities are scheduled for the last 5th Tuesday of the year. The KPS Executive Board will meet at 6:00 to continue planning for *KnoxpeX 2007*. All KPS members are welcome to attend board meetings and participate in discussions.

Following the board meeting at 7:00, Jim Pettway will have the latest Circuit Sales books from the American Philatelic Society for KPS members to view and purchase stamps. U.S., Canadian, European, South American, and some great topical stamps are among the offerings. A repeat showing will take place at the regular November 7 meeting.

KPS holiday dinner – Tuesday, December 5

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Customized Postage

This year, the postage accompanying our Knoxpex 2007 cachet will be custom printed for our use. Customized or personalized postage is a commercial product that has the same postal validity as stamps or meters. The two principal companies offering this product are Stamps.com and Zazzle. Both are internet companies, and Zazzle offers a wide range of other personalized products.

Last fall, the postage on the cachet for the Southeastern Stamp Show was a Stamps.com adhesive commemorating the first contract air mail service to



Atlanta. The cachets and postage were cancelled unofficially, because the US Postal Service has a policy that it will not apply an official postal cancel to anything except US postage stamps. This is really the same case for meter labels and imprints.

However, sometimes the mechanical processing of today's mail overlooks this regulation, and I recently



received this example of a Stamps.com postage label with a not-too-attractive machine cancel. These labels should prove to be an interesting collecting field with a

great variety for topical collectors for years to come.

Start thinking about Knoxpex 2007 – March 3-4!

Tom Broadhead

Check Your Mail for Rare Stamps

A news story appearing on America Online and other sources dated Friday, November 10 stated that an absentee ballot mailed in Broward County, Florida was posted with a 24 cent “Inverted Jenny” airmail stamp



(Scott C3a). If true, this would rival the example that was mangled in a vacuum cleaner several years ago! This one may in fact be a hoax – news stories on November 14 indicated that the stamp

is a fake. KPS members, please send stories for the newsletter about unusual stamps that you have received on your mail!

Holiday Party – December 5

Our annual holiday celebration and monthly meeting will be at Ramsey's Cafeteria, located in the Days Inn motel at 5331 Central Avenue Pike – just north of Merchants Drive. The dinner will begin at 6:30.

Ebay Treasure

'Tis the season to be jolly. Here is an interesting stamps offered on Ebay – an unissued Canadian Christmas stamp from 1994 (Scott 1534ii). It was printed for an anticipated 52¢ rate, but the actual rate turned out to be only 50¢. Most copies of the 52¢ were destroyed. This mint unhinged copy sold for \$84 on November 5 with 16 bids.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 7, 2006

The November 2006 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 231 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Eighteen (18) members were present.

Prior to the meeting Bruce Roberts gave a talk on exhibiting, and members examined the APS circuit books. The Pan Am Airmail test of November 1, 1946 was the topic of the program by Bruce Roberts. Bruce showed cancels on envelopes and a handout detailing the Pan Am routes to South America. He said the “test” was a publicity stunt with Pam Am picking up all the costs including the return postage but also helped to set a uniform rate for airmail.

Mike Kauffman called the business meeting to order at 8:15. Richard Ehrlich gave the treasurer’s report and indicated that four dealers for Knoxpex have sent deposits. Under old business it was brought to members’ attention that a regular US stamp on the Knoxpex envelopes was needed in order to be cancelled by the post office. The possibility of not having the post office was discussed. The stamp for Knoxpex might be designed by an artist, and Tom Broadhead is making those arrangements.

The budget for youth activities at Knoxpex was approved in the amount requested by Russ and Randy Haese. Charlie Wade suggested that Russ and Randy do what they wanted to make 25 booklets for our novice collectors. Mike Kauffman has donated the stamps for this project.

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Bruce Roberts reminded everyone of the December meeting and holiday dinner, 6:30 pm at Ramsey’s Cafeteria as last year. There will be a gift exchange for those interested. Gifts can be philatelic or not, and the cost should be around \$5.00 - please note on the outside if it is philatelic.

Members were reminded about signs for Knoxpex, and show publicity was discussed. Mike inquired about the auction form and thanked Bruce Roberts for his time in helping members with exhibiting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting – October 31, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Kauffman at 6pm at the Tennessee Valley Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. There were (8) members present.

Most discussion centered on Knoxpex 2007. Russ and Randy Haese have proposed a budget for youth stamp albums for Knoxpex 2007, and it was decided to continue this discussion at the November regular meeting. Tom Broadhead made a preliminary report on custom-designed stamps to use on our cachets. Tom also suggested that we repaint campaign yard signs to use as advertisements for Knoxpex. Stu Hanlein reported that the Precancel Stamp Society will send its Washington 2006 exhibit for showing at Knoxpex.

Other reports included the members’ interest directory, being compiled by Tom Broadhead and the December KPS meeting, which Bruce Roberts has arranged for our annual holiday dinner at Ramsey’s Cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Pat Goebel, Secretary

Stamp of the Month

The December stamp of the month is from a set of definitive stamps issued by Japan from 1913 to 1937. The 30 Sen value shown here (Scott 142) is a two-color version



issued in 1929 of the same design produced more than a decade earlier. Some of these stamps have cancels, dated 1936 and 1937, and many copies have “perfins,” perforated designs or initials, indicating their use by large companies for commercial mail. Stamps are courtesy of Nicole Gamble.

Have you run out of passion for your hobby? Here are some ideas to help you renew your interest in stamp collecting.

By Hans Ahlstedt

I had several years of very slow growth in my stamp collecting, both quantitative and value wise. My passion for the hobby was diminishing. I never really gave it up, but for about a decade it was dormant. A lot of it had to do with going through college and other life events when you don't have the money necessary for high priced items. When you get older, you realize that you might never have the money for that elusive stamp. If you are like most stamp collectors you get tired of staring at empty places in your albums, and you begin to realize this is not what stamp collecting is supposed to be. I resorted to buying stamps of less quality and put them in those empty places, just to fill them up. Then it dawned on me that I could find other ways to collect stamps. I am going to describe a way that I found to develop an inexpensive collection and combine it with another passion of mine, which is fishing.

The traditional way of collecting stamps (if you don't choose a single country) would be a particular issue or topic. The topical collector tries to find stamps that depict a chosen topic such as trains, fish, or flowers. A strictly thematic collector would try to find stamps depicting a theme such as an event or organization. I decided to organize my collection as a presentation and to make it like a story with a beginning and an end.

Therefore, my collection is not strictly a topical collection or even a thematic collection: it is a presentation in story form. I did this to limit my spending and to limit the number of pages. It always gives me a certain satisfaction of having a beginning and an end to a collection, because then I can find another topic or interest and create another collection.

This story is about my collection of fishing on stamps. If you are interested in fishing, a nice way to begin would be to collect stamps depicting fish you have either caught or would like to catch. You could assemble this collection as a description of several species. Another way would be to find stamps depicting different fishing methods. You can collect stamps depicting freshwater fish or salt water. Here are some examples of stamps from my collection, which I showed at a recent KPS meeting. As you can see, your collection can tell a very simple story in an album format or it can be a serious study of a theme or topic.

Fishing for freshwater fish dates back to beginning of time. Fishing was a means of supporting the need to eat and later on to get income by selling fish to others. I am limiting my story to the topic of fishing for sport.

Modern sport fishing evolved in the 19th century when the aristocrats and upper class people found the spare time and money to enjoy fishing for sport and not only for table fare. Game fishing began with fly-fishing on the English chalk streams with long bamboo rods or rods made out of greenheart wood. These fine rods were only affordable for the upper echelons of society. It was not really until end of World War II that common folks



Rods and reels can be for spinning or casting, usually retrieving a lure after casting it out. When a fish hits, lift your rod and set the hook. Spinning with open bail reels is popular worldwide (Russia, 1999)

were able to take up fishing for sport. That began with the introduction of fiberglass for rods, replacing the expensive and fragile bamboo. Steel rods were made for a while in the 1940's but they were too heavy and cumbersome. With the advent of fiberglass it wasn't long before spinning reels became more affordable and easier to use, and more people gained vacation time and money to spend on leisure activity. The modern sport fishing era as we know it had begun. It wasn't long before fishing for competition began and now we have professional bass fishers, coarse fishers (bank fishing), fly fishing competitions as well as casting competitions.

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• *Bank fishing can be productive.
(Russia, 1999)*

*Sport fishing has gone from a pastime
to a competitive sport (East Germany
1961)*



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 5

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The fishing industry is a global affair and it has spun off manufacturing of equipment for travel and for the hatchery industry. People worldwide are making more money in the game fish industry than in the fishing for food industry. The whole change only took about hundred years. If you would like to begin fishing you can buy an inexpensive fiberglass pole and begin fishing for pan fish or crappie with just a length of line and bait. It also helps to have a bobber or float so you can see when you are getting a strike.

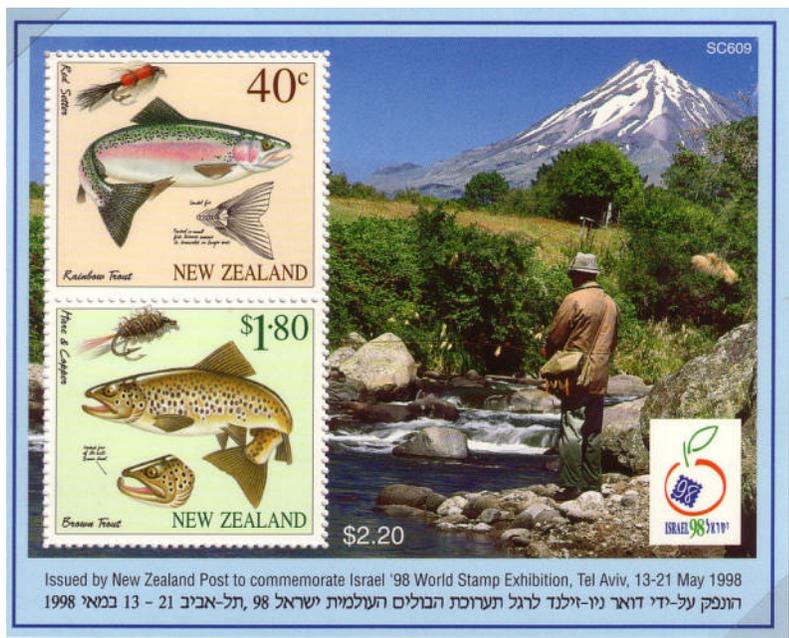


- *Trolling is a popular method where you let your lure drag behind a boat, pulled by a motor or by rowing.*

Ice fishing is popular in northern latitudes.



Fly-fishing, which is my passion, is a little different from other types of fishing. In fly-fishing you don't cast the lure but instead the weight of the line is what makes the cast. The line loads or bends the rod and delivers the fly to the intended target.



There are other types of fishing which can be considered fishing for sport but the ones I have mentioned are the most important and the most common ones.

If this sounds like fun, stop by a sporting goods store or a major chain store and get your license to fish today. Remember if you do, fishing might interfere with your stamp collecting, but I believe this world has enough room for both great activities.

- *New Zealand commemorated the 1998 World Stamp Exhibition with a souvenir sheet featuring fly fishing for trout. Rainbow and brown trout were introduced by Europeans into New Zealand, where they have become popular and are thriving.*

The “Stars” Were Out at the Halloween KPS Board Meeting

With the KPS Board Meeting falling on October 31, it seemed only right to have a few philatelic masks featuring famous people and famous stamps. Joining us at the meeting were President James K. Polk, actress Marilyn Monroe, postmaster general Benjamin Franklin (twice!), Elvis, Humphrey Bogart, aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran, and of course, the number one of number ones – Queen Victoria.



Next month's KPS meeting – Tuesday, January 2