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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2016 and a new year with great philatelic promise. In December's KPS News, I wrote about the upcoming APS AmeriStamp Expo later this month in Atlanta and the World Stamp Show NYC 2016 in May. But don't forget our own great show – KnoxPEX 2016 the first weekend in March. Get ready to participate.

One of the most popular recent topical stamp collecting areas is the Lunar or Chinese New Year. China issued the first Chinese Zodiac stamp in 1980 to mark the Year of the Monkey, which returns this year. The stamp (Scott 1586), with 5 million copies printed is wildly popular, and examples now sell on EBay in the \$1000 range. A full sheet sold last summer at a Swiss auction for \$162,180..



The U.S. has issued only one general New Year's stamp (Scott 3369), showing the iconic Baby New Year. But, in 1992, the USPS caught the craze and issued our first Chinese New Year stamp, commemorating the Year of the Rooster in 1993 (Scott 2720).



Make the most of the 2016, come to KPS meetings and KnoxPEX, and let it be your best collecting year, ever.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Another year has passed, a chapter that we may review but never rewrite, and we are now on the next chapter. Do you, like me, wonder what this New Year 2016 will bring? I hope that there are fewer terrorists in the world, and lots more peace, less emails and more snail mails, so that our hobby will continue into the future with new and amazing technology producing new and interesting stamps. What else would a collector wish for except that maybe our friends gifted us with lots of money that we can spend acquiring more stamps to fill in those missing spots in our albums.

I also hope that lots of our new and older members will continue to show up each and every month, or on Saturday stamp days, and that they will be thrilled, like I have been, with all the work that the illustrious Stamp Acquisition Committee has done.

We should be hearing about the by-laws and hopefully voting on them in the next two months. All this work has been shared by a few good men, on whom we depend.

The end of the month we will have the opportunity to go to Atlanta to the Southeast Federation Stamp show, Bryan and I will be going down for just the day on Saturday. Is anyone interested in caravanning? Hopefully the weather will be pleasant and just because December has been so warm, not hit us with the zero degree days, or ice and snow that unfortunately we usually seem to get this time of the year.

I hope that you, like me, have had a nice time relaxing and catching up on our hobbies and spending time with family and friends. (At least I'm planning on the week between Christmas and New Years on this endeavor)



Barbara Steverson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 1, 2015

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at Miss Olivia's Table in Maryville for a festive year-end holiday dinner. There were 28 members and guests present.



The dinner was delicious, and all eagerly awaited the gift exchange.

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Gerald Schroedl and Karen Setzfand had good choices of gifts early in the exchange.

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Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Dave Anderson**, know.

- January 5 – KPS monthly meeting – program – “Stamping around Paris and London, 2015,” by **Tom Broadhead**.
- January 23 – KPS Saturday meeting – Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church – 10am-2pm
- January 29-31 – AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo, Downtown Hilton Atlanta, 255 Courtland St.
- February 2 – KPS monthly meeting – program – preparing for KnoxPEX 2016. KPS Board meeting at 6:00.
- March 1 – KPS monthly meeting – program – final touches for KnoxPEX 2016.
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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 1970 issue of Denmark commemorating the 50th anniversary of the unification of North Schleswig with Denmark (Scott 470). After



World War I, a plebiscite was held in the former Prussian province of Schleswig-Holstein, and the northern part, with a 75% Danish population, voted to unify with Denmark. These stamps are part of a gift from **Mike Kauffman**.

A Flea Market Surprise

By Art Meharg

On Saturday December 12, I journeyed to the Springfield, Ohio Flea Market. This is a monthly event, and one never knows what may be lurking. A man was offering 12 covers in a glass covered case, I looked, and when he suggested \$40 for the 12, I declined. I spent the next hour searching other vendors; most of the “stuff” was junk. So I returned to the man with the covers and asked to see again the cover with the Canadian stamp. Looking over the cover, it was in good shape and most interesting. I offered \$5 and he grabbed my offer.

The cover was mailed from Elmira, O__. Is it Elmira, Ohio (N.W. corner of Ohio) or Elmira, Ontario (much farther to the north) with a post mark of August 24, 1908. The cover and stamp are in excellent condition with a very mild cancellation. Now it gets interesting! This cover was franked with a Canada Scott #98, Queen Alexandra and King Edward (below), suggesting that it was mailed from rural Ontario, but it doesn't say United States on the address. The cover was addressed to “Miss Scott, Grand View, Rhea County, Tenn.” On the reverse side it shows cancelled in Spring City, 8 AM, August 26 (below). It then traveled “up the hill” to Grand View where it was again cancelled August 26. My conclusion is it traveled by railroad, perhaps all the way to Grand View. There are no visible RPO cancels!



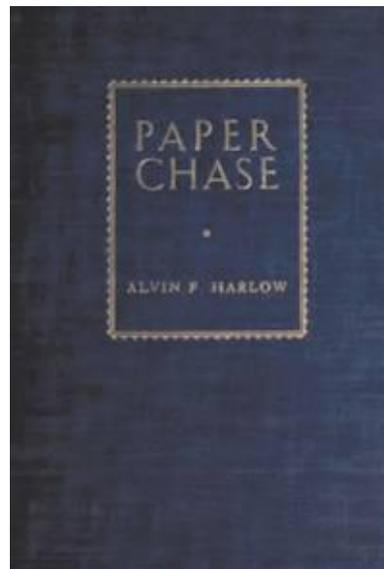
I am curious how the Canadian Stamp happened to be used on this cover. Maybe someone had just returned from Canada and had an extra stamp?

Or did it really take less than two days to travel from rural Canada to rural Tennessee? The month and day of the cancel – AU24 – is typical of Canadian cancels of this period. A U.S. cancel – see examples on the reverse at left below – would have abbreviated the month as Aug. Today's USPS could certainly be proud of the relatively short delivery time, considering that the primary transportation was horse, foot, or train. Also, of course, the addressee was most general, no zip code! Highway 68 traverses a very steep grade and was either dirt or gravel 108 years ago. What do you think?

Having lived in the Crossville area for 15 years, with frequent travel on Highway 68 through Grand View, this piece simply caught my eye. It is like another cover I have commemorating the opening of the Crossville Airport back in the 30's and found at a KPS show. Only 50 were printed, one hung in the Mayor JH Graham's office in Crossville. Where might the other 48 be hiding? Stamp collecting is very educational, but also, much fun!

Book Chase

By Jim Pettway



In the September 2015 edition of *The American Stamp Dealer & Collector* magazine (excellent publication) there was an article in the Philatelic Library section about the book *Paper Chase* by Alvin F. Harlow. The review of this book got my attention, as it was the history of the stamp collector not the dealer as is the book *Nassau Street*

by Herman Herst. I thought this book would make a nice addition to my small philatelic library. Well just days later, what should turn up in the KPS October Live Auction but a beautiful copy of this book. I've got to have this. Well the bidding started and in the end fellow stamp collector **David Anderson** won the lot. I shouldn't have been surprised since Dave is not only a stamp collector but also a collector of old books.

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Well, upon the loss of this book to Dave I decided to just go to the Internet to see what I could find. I was interested in the book, but first I was interested in the read. As I searched I came upon a FREE online edition of *Paper Chase*. It apparently is out of copyright. I am now the owner of an online edition of *Paper Chase*, and it didn't cost me a cent. Of course I don't have the book sitting on my library shelf, but I might still pick up a hardcopy some day.

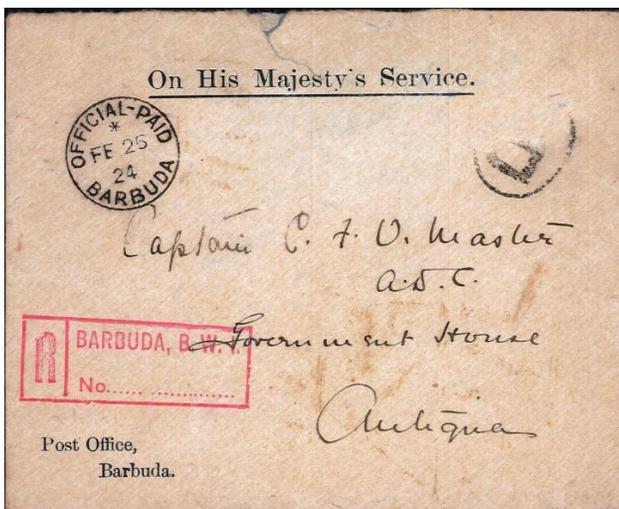
I am now enjoying this book. It starts out with the beginning of collecting different items and then gets more specific into stamp collecting. I found it most interesting that women were the first stamp collectors and that stamp collecting was really popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s in Europe and the United States.

Go to the site <http://www.stormthecastle.com/stamp-collecting/free-stamp-collecting-books.htm> to download your copy of *Paper Chase*. I hope that you'll enjoy it as much as I. Find out more about the American Stamp Dealer Association (ASDA) and its publication at www.americanstampdealer.com.

A Rare Caribbean Cover

By Gerald Schroedl

This envelope represents official government registered postage from Barbuda to Antigua in 1924. The Barbuda Official Paid cds was used from 1922 to 1941 to cancel stamped mail or alone as shown here. Stampless usages are rare with only nine examples known. This item was acquired from a European auction house, and expands my coverage of inter-island postal history in the British West Indies.



More Holiday Dinner Festivities!



Steve Stow and **Maria Javier** shared a joke about a gift – maybe one that resurfaced from last year.



Our nonagenarian member, **Jean Byrne**, shared special comments with the group about our hobby, her collecting, and good things in general.

Jim Pettway has created a great YouTube video, complete with festive music and pictures from the dinner. See it now at <https://youtu.be/eMXrEmU5tik>.

Welcome New Member

By Jim Pettway

Last month I announced that the KPS membership reached 100 members in 2015. We are now over 100 for 2015, as we welcomed our newest member in December, **Arthur Cole**. He is from Huntsville, Alabama, and learned about the KPS at the Southeast Stamp Expo in Atlanta in 2015 (our KPS logo shirts have paid off!). As a member of the Huntsville Philatelic Club, and probably from KnoxPEX dealer Heinrich Hahn, he also got the word about the KPS. Arthur collects U.S. stamps and postal history. He also collects various topical/display exhibit subjects and postal history of the *N.S. Savannah* (the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, funded by the U.S. government). Welcome to our great group of philatelists, Arthur.

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KnoxPEX 2016!

The U.S. National Parks Service celebrates its centennial on August 26 this year, but KPS is getting the jump on the celebration at **KnoxPEX 2016**. Next month, on March 5-6, dealers and collectors from across the south will gather in Knoxville for our annual show.

Yellowstone was the first National Park, designated on March 1, 1872, but the National Park Service, which coordinates many important public lands, was formed in 1916.

We are fortunate to have not one, but two national parks in the Knoxville area. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park was established in 1934, and in 1983 was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Just last fall, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park was established, shared by Oak Ridge, TN, Los Alamos, NM, and Hanford, WA.



Many U.S. stamps have commemorated national parks, and the 1934 stamp (Scott 749, at left) was the first showing the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Since then, there have been three more U.S. postal issues, including a postal card, depicting that park. The most recent of those is the beautiful sunrise image on the 2006 air mail stamp (Scott

C140, below right).

Other stamps by the United Nations also recognize the park. Come to KnoxPEX 2016 to learn more and enjoy some stamps!



Tom Broadhead

President's Column

As we begin a new month we have much to celebrate, including Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and of course the fact that winter will be half over by the end of the month. We have more stamps honoring the first president than the sixteenth, but this used to be two holidays. This is also a leap year and election year.

By the time you read this we will be back from our field trip to Atlanta; **Tom Broadhead** will have given his talk, and many new acquisitions will have been made. This year it is also a National Show. There will be a first day issue of the new Botanical Stamps, and as a gardener, they will make my down month a little brighter and happier.



March will bring KnoxPEX, and by now everybody should have signed up to participate and make this event one that causes people to come from far and wide to attend. Contact **Bob Smith** with your help hours.

Our by-law committee will soon finish their work and we will be able to read the new by-laws in preparation for a vote in March. These are being updated to be in compliance with us acquiring our 501c3 status.

I was very impressed with the attendance in January, we had 43 in attendance. Keep coming, as things are exciting every month. I was very grateful that everybody was so quiet so that I could talk in my limited capacity. It has been a long time with no voice.

Thank you for making my time as President a great time and I think that whoever takes over in a few months will enjoy the job as much as I have, when called upon please consider taking an office, if you want to keep this club as exciting and viable as it has become, we need everybody to participate. New blood is the secret of a growing and thriving club.

Barbara Steverson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 6, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, January 6, 2016 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 43 members and guests in attendance. President **Barbara Steverson** brought the meeting to order at 7:00. Treasurer **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report showed cash assets of \$12,045 at the end of 2015. Receipts for December were \$2,970 and expenses were \$2,366. Total receipts for the year were \$45,604, and total expenses were \$42,501. There was a raffle of 5 leftover Christmas party gifts.

Jim Pettway announced that approximately 80 members have renewed their membership. We ended 2015 with 100 members. He will follow up with email contacts.

KnoxPEX 2016: **Bob Smith** reported that all areas are covered by working volunteer chairs and preparations are well underway. He will solicit additional member volunteer effort by email and at the February KPS meeting. The member auction will be limited to 10 items per member; members are encouraged to complete their auction forms electronically.

The program featured **Tom Broadhead**, "Stamping Around Paris & London—2015." Adjournment was at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

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A record 43 members attended the January KPS meeting. Photo by **Bruce Roberts**. Bruce reports that 25 members purchased stamps from the club's stock, spending a total of \$2802.98 – both also records for KPS meetings!

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Come to KnoxPEX 2016!

See more information on the enclosed page! This is your show! Volunteer at the show! Buy and sell stamps at the live auction!

Stamp of the Month

In honor of Presidents' Day – Monday, February 25, this month's stamp features George Washington, who also has the distinction of being shown on more U.S. stamps than any other person. The 2 cent brown definitive (Scott 210) was issued October 1, 1883. At almost 133 years old, this may be the oldest stamp to be shared in Stamp of the Month. These stamps were a gift to KPS.



Silent Precancels

By Stu Hanlein

I have to thank **Bruce Roberts** for thinking about my interest in precancels when he purchased a large US collection from Richard Mallicote from GA. I bought a precancel collection that had been his father-in-law's. He mounted his stamps on notebook paper as did a lot of old-timers, including me, until the Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) became computer happy and developed pages for collectors.

What was interesting about the collection were several what are known as "SILENT Precancels." A silent precancel is one used prior to the standardization by the USPOD of the more familiar parallel horizontal lines with the name of the town and state between them on two lines. These stamps are a lot easier to identify when found on cover.



The PSS has a catalog of these precancels, and the listing (below) is for the Brockport, NY silent precancels known to have been used in that town.

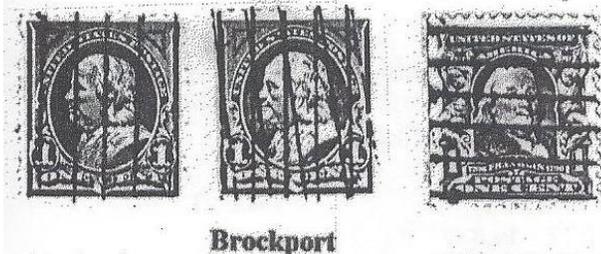
BROCKPORT Hoover A, B 2.00 A
5 thin vertical lines .25 - .75 mm wide; 3 - 4 mm apart,
16 - 17 mm overall for 5 lines, 12 - 12.5 mm for 4 lines.
Black oily ink. Stencil.
Wider overall spacing: see
Oak Park, IL Type A 4 lines = 13 - 13.5 mm overall.
Lansing, MI Type B 4 lines = 13 - 14 mm overall.

Used by: W. H. Moore Magazine Agency

1898: 1v, 2v

1902: 1, 1v, 2, 2v

Issues prior to 1898 previously listed are machine cancels of different dimensions.



Stamp Color Identification

By Warren Flynn

When identifying stamps, features such as perforations and watermarks are sometimes troublesome but usually straightforward measurements can be quantified. However, one of the pratfalls that I experience when attempting to identify stamps (in addition to increasingly poorer vision as I grow older) is inadequate color vision. When I went through the Armed Forces medical examination many years ago, I was diagnosed with clinical color blindness which prevented me from going into the electronics field (resistor values are color coded). But I have always recognized the difference between red lights and green lights.

The colors used when printing stamps can be more confusing, but not as perilous, as running a red light. Why does the color LAKE look like PLUM? And why are YELLOW-ORANGE and ORANGE-YELLOW not the same shade. But help is available, for a price. The undisputed best choice may be R.H. White's *Encyclopedia of the Colors of United States Postage Stamps* which, unfortunately, is out of print.

When the 6-volume set is available it can go for over \$1000. The *Scott Specialized Color Guides for United States Stamps* retails around \$50 but is reputed to devote most of its attention to only four early U.S. designs. On the low end of the scale is the *Wonder Color Gauge* which can be acquired for as little as \$6.00 on eBay and has 140 color plates.

The good news is usually reserved for last, and here is my humble submission.

There is a color chart in the Stamp Community Family Forum (www.stampcommunity.org) with 100 color samples, and while it is not as comprehensive as the other color guides, it is considerably cheaper - free. It can be found conveniently online at http://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=10294

There is one drawback to the chart at this website; it comes in 3 parts and images are rotated 90 degrees to the right. But it is easy to right click, save, and rotate them to a convenient orientation. I have done this and joined the 3 parts into a single, uploaded to my Google Photo Album. Click this link and right click to save a full-size version, or bookmark the website https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eQ_6mpT0ehWqWnlnvGnbct9y8A3Ik3zTlg/view?usp=sharing

This should be useful whether the stamps you collect are color or colour.

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Composite color chart showing 100 different colors and shades from http://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=10294

A Treasure from the KPS Stamp Stock

By Bruce Roberts

Shown here is Monaco Scott #2307, issued to honor Sir Edmund Hillary, the first non-Asian to reach the summit of Mount Everest. I found this stamp while working up Monaco stamps from a stock book KPS purchased last summer. This is the first stamp I have seen that shows a portrait of someone I have personally met.



You can own this great stamp, catalog value \$3.00 for just \$0.60 – one of many great items in the KPS stock.

In 1963, following my Junior year in college as a Chemistry major, I had learned enough to get a summer job in the paints and finishes laboratory of the Wentzel Tent & Duck company in a small town in Missouri. The company made treated fabric for Sears tents and boat covers. Edmund Hillary was Sears' "outdoor camping" expert for PR purposes at the time. He had asked Wentzel to come up with a "hot rock patch" for tents; the patch was to be something that could repair a tent in the wild using just a hot rock as a press.

One day while I was in the lab, Hillary arrived to see a demonstration of the patch. Our guys used an iron, there being no hot rocks available. After just about 2 minutes, they proudly showed Hillary the patch on the fabric, and two of them took pliers and pulled to show how well the patch held. Hillary, who was a mountain of a man standing about 6 ft 5 and completely filling any doorway he walked through, took the fabric and proceeded to pull the patch off with his bare hands! He was from New Zealand and had that "Aussie" accent. He said "Well chaps that is a ruddy good beginning." Everyone laughed and after shaking hands all around, Hillary continued the tour of our plant. Quite a man's man.

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Are You Ready for KnoxPEX 2016?

The APS winter show in Atlanta was a huge success, and many KPS members made the short trip to do some serious shopping, and receive some awards. Photos from the show are featured in this issue.

KPS received some great attention in the February issue of *The American Philatelist*. In his "Philatelic Happenings" column, APS Chief Operating Officer, Ken Martin recognized several clubs that have been APS chapters for as much as 100 years! But he also recognized us, saying that "We hope each of these clubs is doing as well as the Knoxville (Tennessee) Philatelic Society, whose membership recently exceeded 100 members. The Knoxville club recruited 23 new members during 2015. A YouTube of its holiday party can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/eMXrEmU5tik>."

Thomas Lane and I sat with APS Executive Director, Scott English at the awards dinner and bent his ear about KPS. That, plus all the members wearing their KPS logo shirts at the show – word got around.

Now, it's our turn! Our annual stamp show brings about 200 attendees each year, including KPS members.



Let's all turn out for the show, volunteer, enjoy the exhibits, buy from dealers and auction, and live up to our reputation as one of the most successful clubs in the country.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

The month of March will be here when you read this newsletter and we will be hopefully in the midst of KnoxPEX. I sit here writing this column, while it is snowing outside and cold. The only good thing I have to say about the cold, is that hopefully it will kill the insects



that drive us crazy during the warm months and are now of such a great health concern. I had hoped that the groundhog would be correct and spring would arrive early, but guess he isn't a good meteorologist.

We have a new Communications Committee, chaired by **Jim Pettway**. He has already started a Facebook page, which will be available to members to post information and notes, but could be seen by nonmembers. I think that it sounds like a great idea, and is another way to attract public interest to the club.

We are in need of volunteers for the positions of vice president and one board member (two year term), I hope that two of you will be willing to serve these positions and help the club. The vice president arranges for the monthly programs, but we have so many members who are willing to share that it hasn't seemed to be a big problem.

A suggestion has been made for the December dinner meeting to be on a Saturday, and maybe even a luncheon. This would be a big change, but one that would make this program more accessible to members. Look for this as an upcoming agenda item later in the year!

Barbara Steverson

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In new business, Barbara announced the creation of a new Communications Committee, which will be chaired by **Jim Pettway**. Responsibilities will include web pages, emails, social media, and printed mailings, including the newsletter, and forms. Volunteers for this are needed. The suggestion to change the December holiday dinner to a Saturday, and possibly a lunch, was mentioned and postponed for later discussion.

KnoxPEX 2016: **Bob Smith** reported that all areas are covered by working volunteer chairs and preparations are well underway. He asked for volunteers in all areas, especially at the registration table and auction. The member auction will be limited to 10 items per member; members may put anything they want in the auction, but are encouraged to focus on philatelic items. Because of an event at

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the hotel, move-in will not be possible until about 7:00 on Friday, March 4.

Elections of officers will be in May. All KPS members are eligible to run. Those who have volunteered and been nominated will be listed in the April newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Steverson, interim secretary

KPS Board Meeting – February 1, 2016

The board of directors of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, February 1, 2016. President **Barbara Steverson** presided. Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change.

Tom Broadhead proposed a new Communications Committee, appointed at the president's discretion. **Jim Pettway** agreed to chair. **Bruce Roberts** proposed several ideas to increase KPS membership and promote stamp sales from the KPS inventory.

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp features the 10 cent, Queen Elizabeth II definitive stamp of Hong Kong (Scott 630), issued in 1992. This was the last Hong Kong definitive stamp set to show the queen, before the colony became a special administrative region of China in 1997. These stamps come from the extensive KPS stock, purchased by the Stamp Acquisition Committee.



AmeriStamp Expo/Southeastern Stamp Expo 2016

By Tom Broadhead

We are fortunate to have a major regional stamp show, just a few hours drive down the road in Atlanta. This year, for the third time, the American Philatelic Society held its winter national show, AmeriStamp Expo together with the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs annual Southeastern Stamp Show. The result – 17 KPS members attended the show and had a great time shopping the many dealers, viewing the exhibits, and attending the first day ceremony for the new flower stamps. Four members also received awards.



KPS Group photo. Back row from left – Mike Carmichael, Gerald Schroedl, Jim Pettway, Ralph Dinwiddie, Bryan Steverson, Thomas Lane, Dave Warfel, Warren Manning (holding Princess), Vicki Manning. Second row – Stu Hanlein, Barbara Steverson. Front row – Tom Broadhead, Tom Ringenbach.

I caught up with other members at other times during the day on Saturday. Not shown here – Vera Felts.

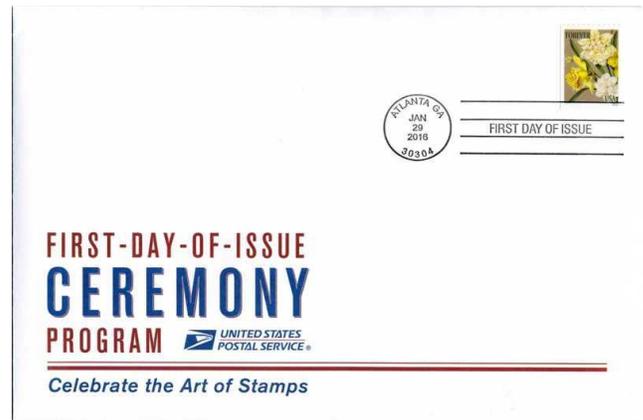


Lori Williams and Bob Ceo shopping.



Thomas Lane, Steve Lambson, and Tom Ringenbach swapped stories and shared finds at the end of a long day.

I attended the First Day Ceremony for the new flower stamps and picked up a souvenir cover. In addition to these, we also got a program that was printed on biodegradable card with flower seeds incorporated. Just dig and plant!



The stamps, in a self-adhesive booklet, show images from flower and seed catalogs from the late 1800's and early 1900's.

I don't remember a year when KPS members did not have exhibits at the Southeastern Stamp Expo, but this was a year for that. Nonetheless, there were other, KPS related things that happened at the show.

The APS recognizes long time members at its official meetings at both the fall and winter shows. Three KPS members, **Bob Ceo**, **Warren Manning**, and **Jim Pettway**, were recognized as 25 year APS members.

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This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 1

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APS 25-year members (from left), **Jim Pettway**, **Bob Ceo**, **Warren Manning**

I kept pretty busy at the show, too. APS had invited me to give a talk on “Historical & Cultural Themes on Stamps: Images of Nations and Peoples.” It incorporated some of the content I have used in my honors seminars and programs at universities in China. It was pretty well attended, with great questions at the end, and was recorded by Jay Bigalke (*American Philatelist* Editor) for some future purpose.

Thomas Lane and I attended the awards ceremony, which included both individual and team awards. I was honored to receive the Southeast Federation's Rowland Hill Award for contributions to philately in the southeast. I think that set a record, as I joined fellow KPS member, **Bruce Roberts**, as a recipient – 2 from the same club!



Receiving the award from SEFSC president, Charles O'Brien.

KNOXPEX – Need to Know

Show Schedule – From Bob Smith

Friday, March 4

7:00 pm – set up frames and assist dealers at the hotel – come early, in case we can move into the rooms sooner.

Saturday, March 5

8:00 am – help set up auction lots, tables, exhibits, yard signs, banners, etc. – plenty left to do!

10:00 am – KnoxPEX 2016 opens – auction lot watchers, registration desk volunteers, and lots of shoppers needed.

5:00 pm – show closes – help set up chairs for the live auction

6:00 – KnoxPEX Live Auction – volunteer to help **Stu Hanlein** handle the lots

Sunday, March 6

9:00 am – help with organizing unsold auction lots for net sale, get the registration table set up

10:00 am – KnoxPEX 2016 opens – registration desk volunteers and eager philatelic shoppers

3:00 pm – show closes – help take down frames and other club materials

What is the theme for KnoxPEX?

Since last summer, we have busily planned to celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service at our spring show. The NPS official birthday is August 25, but auto company, Subaru, is already promoting it through a corporate sponsorship of the National Park Foundation.

What could be better than to help celebrate with our own postal cancel and cachet – but, hold on a minute! Our original submission to USPS for a postal cancel, beautifully designed by **Ralph Dinwiddie**, hit an administrative snag. NPS had to give its approval to the use of its name and arrowhead outline logo. While we wait for that – and probably with insufficient time – Ralph has created a new, equally great design. Nothing proprietary or controversial, and it does include elements that reflect Tennessee's five national parks – Great Smoky Mountains, Cumberland Gap Historical, Manhattan Project Historical, Shiloh Military, and Chickamauga-Chattanooga Military. 50 cachets will feature the new design. Don't forget to buy one!

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KPS in the Spotlight

KPS was mentioned in Ken Martin's column in the February 2016 *The American Philatelist*, and he has again mentioned our club in the March issue! In his mention of longtime APS members at AmeriStamp Expo, Ken said, "Another new 25-year member on hand was **James Pettway**, who traveled to the show with several other members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society." And, "**Tom Broadhead**, another member of the Knoxville (Tennessee) Philatelic Society was recognized by the Southeast Federation with its Rowland Hill award for service to the society."

The March-April 2016 issue of *Topical Times*, the magazine of the American Topical Association, mentions both my article about KnoxPEX 2016 and the centennial of the National Park Service and the note about the Sir Edmund Hilary stamp in the KPS stock by **Bruce Roberts**.

Where do we go from here? **Jim Pettway's** article about membership in this issue spotlights our record 115 members, many of whom joined at KnoxPEX. And, we now have more than 40 KPS members who are also APS members. Fifteen members are from states outside Tennessee, and several are former Tennessee residents who kept their membership when they moved away. **Bruce Roberts** reports that the KPS stamp stock now exceeds \$200,000 in catalog value, and most continues to be offered to members at 10%-20% of catalog. Monthly club meetings now average 30 members in attendance, and recently had more than 40 at one.

We have a strong, thriving club and are finding ways to make it stronger and better. Volunteers are always welcome on our three main committees: Stamp Acquisition Committee, Communications Committee, and KnoxPEX Show Committee. Each year, we have elections in May, and your time and effort as an officer or board member is most welcome. If you have some real or virtual time to spare, please step up.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Wow!!! What a weekend. KnoxPEX 2016 was the best so far. We had many new renewals and more than 10 new members. Attendance was wonderful, the auction was great, netting us a good profit. It is great to have so many people travel from out of state, including the Carolinas, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.

I would like to take this column to say thank you to all the members of the club, especially the officers and board members who have contributed so much these past two years. You have made my job so pleasant and easy, especially the stamp acquisition committee and the constitution committee. This club could not function if not for **Jim Pettway**. He keeps us in touch and communicates with the members, APS, ATA, web site, *Facebook* and much more. As head of communication, he has had a lot of help but he is the clearing house for all the communications. **Bruce Roberts** keeps the stamps up to date and the inventory well stocked. This is very time consuming, and thankfully there have been several members who have stepped up and are helping him put the inventory into stock. Speaking of which – don't forget, for every envelope you return (erased) you get a 5cent credit on you next purchase.

Nothing can say thank you enough for the hard work that **Bob Smith** puts into the KnoxPEX show. Without him I do not think that we would have had the success we have had. There are many more members that I would like to thank, maybe next month I will have more time.

I am literally out the door and on my way to a long awaited trip to Machu Picchu and the Gallapagos, and will see you at the meeting.



Barbara Steverson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 1, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 28 members and 3 guests in attendance. President **Barbara Steverson** brought the meeting to order at 7:00. Treasurer **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report showed cash assets, including the \$3,200 certificate of deposit, of \$18,354 at the end of February 2016. Receipts for February were \$4,060 and expenses were \$625, for a net positive cash flow of \$3,435. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Meeting minutes for February were approved as published in the newsletter.

In new business, **Thomas Lane** moved, and the motion was approved, that KPS fund up to \$400 for legal and incorporation costs, plus \$100 for the State of Tennessee filing fee in connection with our pursuit of 501C(3) nonprofit tax status. The KPS board approved development of a *Facebook* page.

Bruce Roberts announced that APS circuit sales books will be used to dispose of KPS stamp inventory that is unsold to members after a 6 month posting. A credit of 5 cents per regular size stamp stock card and 19 cents for a full page sheet card will be given to members who purchase stamps from the KPS stock and return these cards for reuse, with all notations erased.

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

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KnoxPEX 2016: **Bob Smith** reported that volunteer positions and arrangements are in order. Set up will begin at 3 pm on Friday. **Scott English**, Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society and **Vera Felts**, Executive Director of the American Topical Association will be attending the show.

Tom Ringenbach announced that the slate of officers for KPS elections in May is full, but additional nominations can be made. All KPS members are eligible to run.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

KPS Board Elections in May

By Tom Ringenbach, Elections Chair

It's time to elect a new set of officers and executive board members, and the following have agreed to run for office in the May 2016 election. Additional nominees are welcome at the May KPS meeting.

President – Dave Anderson

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Treasurer – Thomas Lane

Secretary – John Smartt

Board Members (2) – Mike Downs, Ray Simko

Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Dave Anderson**, know.

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

April 5 – KPS monthly meeting – program – “What I Found at KnoxPEX”

April 23 – KPS Saturday meeting – Earth Fare at Turkey Creek, 10am-1pm

May 3 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA; election of new officers; KPS Board meeting at 6:00.

May 21 – KPS Saturday meeting – place and time TBA

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 1908 two cent Washington-Franklin issue, with the denomination in words (Scott 332, 375, 519). Sorry, no bluish paper or coils, but there are a few booklet stamps (Scott 332a, 375a) Check the perforations and watermarks to see which one you got. These stamps are a gift from Randy Haese.



KPS Membership Tops 100 for 2016

By Jim Pettway, KPS Membership Chairman

I don't know where all these stamp collectors are coming from but I like it that they are joining the Knoxville Philatelic Society and taking advantage of the many benefits of club membership. During KnoxPEX 15 people joined the Knoxville Philatelic Society for the first time and three 2015 members renewed their membership for 2016. Today KPS membership stands at 115. We had stamp collectors joining the KPS from points as far east in Tennessee as Bristol to as far west as Cookeville. And we had collectors joining from Georgia and Pennsylvania.

Welcome to these new members:

Frederick Conrad – Knoxville, TN – Americana, Dinosaurs, and wife collects Worldwide

Robbie Crabtree – Madisonville, TN – World classic stamps, Germany to 1945, Vatican City and U.S. thru 1976

Len Curtis – Roswell, GA – stamp dealer– Collect 'Em All

Richard Ellis – Maryville, TN – U.S. mint stamps expanding soon to Worldwide

Scott English – Bellefonte, PA (APS Executive Director) – Cuba Postal History

Robert Frey – Knoxville, TN – Topical collector

Mike Harrison – Cookeville, TN – worldwide stamps

Dan Hearn – Cookeville, TN

Bob Inderbitzen – Vonore, TN – early U.S. stamps

Charles Jeckell – Walland, TN – 19th Century Worldwide used, Switzerland postage dues and officials, and Bolivia

Bruce Lawson – Oliver Springs, TN – U.S. mint and used stamps

Scott Lee – Knoxville, TN – United States stamps

Brent Marquand – Knoxville, TN

Nurija Musinovic – Knoxville, TN – Worldwide

Steve Schmidt – Bristol, TN – U.S. and British Machins

Lloyd Wattenbarger – Kingston, TN - U.S. postcards and plate blocks, Mexico, and Great Britain

I hope to see many of these new members at a club meeting real soon. Be sure to extend a warm welcome. And, new members please share your collecting interests with other club members. We are all interested in what each collects and sometimes the area or topic even rubs off.

Contact me for KPS or APS membership information – jpettway@comcast.net.

KPS Offers Classic Souvenir Sheet to a Lucky KPS Member

By Bruce Roberts

A highlight of the April KPS meeting will be a drawing for a superb example of the 1925 US commemorative sheet issued for the 1926 International Philatelic Exhibition in New York. The so called “White Plains” sheet (Scott 630) has 25 examples of the Battle of White Plains Revolutionary War commemorative stamp (Scott 629).



The sheet was on display at KnoxPEX 2016.

At the April 5 KPS meeting, a drawing will be held from the entire KPS membership. You do not have to be present to win! We'll let you know the lucky winner.

This is one of many surprises that the Stamp Acquisition Committee encounters in the large collections that it purchases for the club. Each year, a select item is offered in a drawing to a member – one of many benefits that KPS offers you.

KnoxPEX Promotion and Attendance

By Tom Broadhead

Getting the good word out about KPS and KnoxPEX is an ongoing effort, and I hope that we can attract some interest to the new Communications Committee. **Jim Pettway** gathered information from KnoxPEX registration forms, which showed the following sources and frequencies: KPS postcard mailing (25), other (11), *Linn's* (10), AP/APS email (10), dealers (7), banners and signs (5), newspapers (3), internet (2), and other clubs' newsletters (2). There can always be more, especially online promotion, which attracted no volunteers this year.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 5

Happy Birthday, Knoxville

By Tom Broadhead

This year marks the 225th birthday of our fair city, and there will be a big celebration locally around the official date – October 3.

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I found this great quote from Jack Neely, one of the city's best writers about local news and culture at www.facebook.com/blanknews/posts/10153191308932963. It got me interested in our local history and thinking how KPS could possibly become involved. Our October meeting and live Stamp Collecting Month auction is just the next day.

"All cities and towns began somewhere, but Knoxville's birth was more deliberate, and more significant, than most," according to Jack Neely, executive director of the Knoxville History Project. "Though probably not much to look at, Knoxville at its birth in 1791 was the capital of the Southwest Territory, and therefore one of only 17 capital cities in the new United States. It soon hosted one of the first American newspapers, and one of the first American colleges, west of the Appalachians. And just four years after its birth, Knoxville hosted the effort to found a state called Tennessee. Although it has been almost 200 years since Knoxville has served its original purpose, as a capital of government, Knoxville has grown in different and unexpected ways, politically, industrially, culturally, educationally, to become an emblematic American city, and central to the story of a nation that was new when Knoxville was founded."

There are some great web sites, and the best is the City of Knoxville's official site, which includes links to historical information, events, and more - www.knoxvilletn.gov/visitors/knoxville_info/225th.

Let's see what we can do to make a philatelic event around that. Remember, October is Stamp Collecting Month.

Gems from the KPS Stock

By Bruce Roberts

KPS owns a complete set of the King George V 1935 Silver Jubilee. All the stamps are in Crystal Mounts. I have opened mounts on a few, and they were never hinged.



The stamps are mounted on Scott Specialty Pages just for this issue, with three or four colonies per page. Some 2010 auction realizations for complete sets: hinged sets – \$525 and never hinged – \$1,200. I have not been able to find anything more recent with a quick internet search.

The 2016 Scott catalog value for a HINGED complete set is \$1,355.00. I have not added up all the NH premiums, but a spot check of several colonies show the premium for NH is at least double in most cases, which projects the catalog for the set to around \$2,400-\$2,800.

I am adding this set to the bidding for this month to end on March 29th. The opening bid is \$500. If, after purchase, you find that many of the stamps are hinged, the club will refund enough to make the actual purchase price \$300. This is a spectacular set. Don't miss a chance to get this for your collection. To bid on this or classic US stamps now available, send me an email at bruceroberts@arkph.com.

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Stamps on Facebook

How do collectors find a club? Traditionally, they have seen show listings in philatelic publications or lists of member clubs on organizational web sites like the APS - <http://stamps.org/Local-Clubs> - which has a convenient search by geographic locale or club name. The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs has links to its member clubs - www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html. Maybe our hobby hasn't kept up with the latest promotions available in "social media," and I confess that I use *Facebook*, but not *Twitter*, *Instagram*, *SnapChat* or others.

Facebook is a way that interested folks can search for a person or organization and make a simple request to "Friend" (i.e., join the group). **Jim Pettway** is working on a *Facebook* page for KPS, where we can all post comments and pictures. Our neighbor club - Holston Stamp Club is on *Facebook*. For another great example of what can be done, check out the Huntsville Philatelic Club's *Facebook* page - search the club name at www.facebook.com. KPS member, **Art Cole**, maintains the page, which is a must for those interested in US space philately. It's a public group, so all can join (I did). The masthead of the HPC page is shown below.



And, then, there is always word-of-mouth. Many of our recent members have come to KPS through their philatelic friends in Crossville, Maryville, and the Tri-Cities areas of Tennessee. What a great way to share our hobby - and an approach that always works!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

This will be my last column as your President. It has been a very pleasant two years and we have accomplished quite a bit of "good stuff." From updating the constitution and by-laws, to increasing our value and our stock of stamps that members can acquire. We are in the process of moving our December Dinner Meeting to a Saturday Lunch, which will make it more attractive to spousal attendance, not to mention that it might make it easier to get to if the weather is nasty, to say the least.

Congratulations to **Dave Icove** on his winning the White Plains Souvenir sheet at the drawing which took place at the April meeting.

I cannot express how great so many people have been in expanding our membership. The Communication Committee has been an integral part of this growth, under the leadership of **Jim Pettway** and the many, many hours he has spent sending e-mails to members. I also would like to thank the members of the executive board both years for their leadership and help in getting from there to here.



The Stamp Acquisition committee has been outstanding in their work of acquiring and sorting all the stamps. There is no way to thank you enough for all the hours they have spent for the benefit of this club.

I also thank the spouses of several members who have become active and to our new female members who have become active. I was leery at first to come to meetings where I was the only woman present. **Pat Goebel** was there several times, which helped ease my trepidation, so I brought my backup, **Bryan**, whom I need to thank so much for supporting my hobby. He has even found a way to integrate his passion (baseball) with mine.

Barbara Steverson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 5, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 22 members in attendance. President **Barbara Steverson** brought the meeting to order at 7:00. Treasurer **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report showed cash assets of \$14,207 at the end of March 2016. The KnoxPEX reported presented preliminary figures showing a more than \$1,000 profit, but not all receipts had been received for reimbursement. Receipts for February were \$13,883 and expenses were \$18,029. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Meeting minutes for March were approved as published in the newsletter.

Jim Pettway conducted the drawing for the 1926 White Plains sheet, and **Dave Icové** was the lucky winner.

Other announcements: A draft of the revised by-laws has been circulated to officers and directors for review before sending to the membership. A vote is scheduled for the May meeting. **Jim Pettway** is maintaining our page on the Southeast Federation web site, and **Dave Anderson's** revision of our single web site has been delayed due to unavailability of an assistant. **Bob Smith** reported that KnoxPEX 2017 planning is underway to determine a place. Members who are aware of alternatives that have 2,400 square feet or more should notify Bob about the place so a visit can be made.

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In new business, a motion was passed to move the annual Holiday Meal and Celebration to the first Saturday afternoon following the first Tuesday in December. A motion was passed to have a regular KPS meeting on the first Tuesday in December.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:25. Following adjournment, several members talked about finds and experiences they had at KnoxPEX 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

KPS Board Elections in May

By Tom Ringenbach, Elections Chair

It's time to elect a new set of officers and executive board members, and the following have agreed to run for office in the May 2016 election. Additional nominees are welcome at the May KPS meeting.

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KPS By-Laws Vote in May

By Tom Broadhead

Randy Haese, Jim Pettway, and I have completed a full draft of KPS By-Laws, which will be emailed to members following review by officers and directors. A vote will be held at the May meeting.

Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Dave Anderson,** know.

May 3 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA; election of new officers; KPS Board meeting at 6:00.

May 21 – KPS Saturday meeting – place and time TBA

May 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

June 7 – KPS monthly meeting – program TBA

Stamp of the Month

Denmark celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Post Office Bank service in 1970 and commemorated it with this 60 øre stamp (Scott 465). These are a gift from **Pat Goebel.**



Remembering Ellsworth

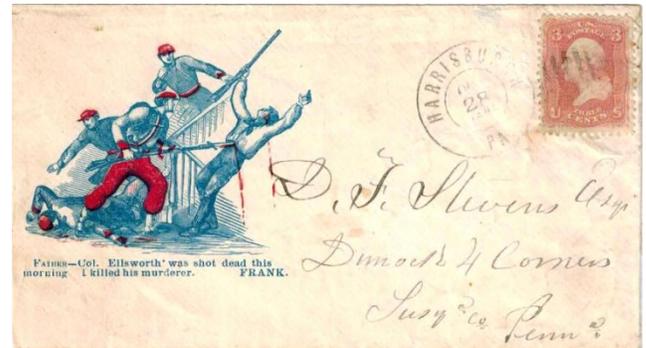
By Richard Jackson *

On May 24, 1861, the day after Virginia seceded from the Union, the 11th New York Volunteer Infantry (the "Fire Zouaves") in their flashy Zouave uniforms occupied Alexandria during the first invasion of the Confederacy. Led by its dashing and cavalier commander, Col. Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth, the occupation should have been routine and uneventful. Prior notice was given. The Virginia Militia offered only token resistance. The rebellion had not yet blossomed into open warfare. But things did not happen as expected.

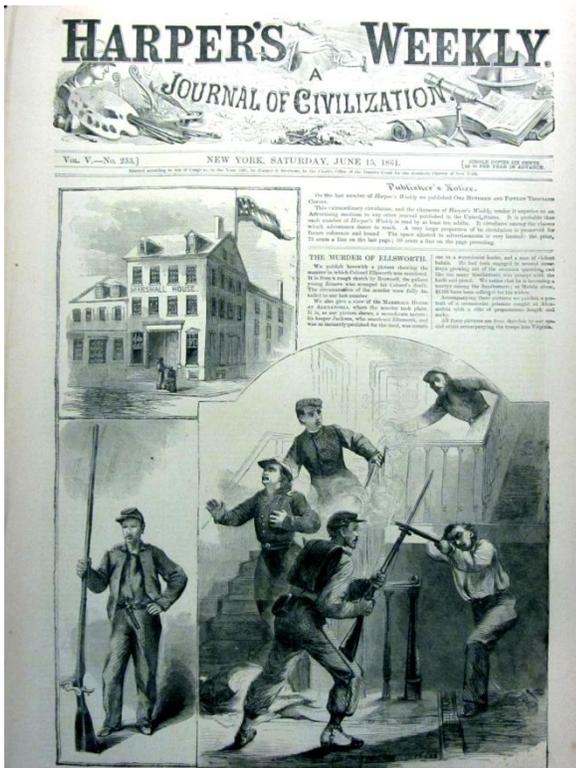
James Jackson, the proprietor of the Marshall House, a prominent hotel in Alexandria, was a committed secessionist. For weeks he had flown a huge Confederate flag on the roof of his hotel. The flag was clearly visible from the Potomac River, a short distance away, and an irritant to the Washington citizenry barely 20 miles away. Ellsworth, determined to remove the flag, charged into the hotel, climbed the stairs to the roof, and appropriated the flag. On his return he was met by Jackson, still wearing his nightgown and brandishing a shotgun. With little or no warning, Jackson shot Ellsworth and was in turn bayoneted by Pvt. Francis Brownell. Within seconds two belligerents became martyrs to their respective causes and Ellsworth became the first combat casualty of the Civil War.

"Occupation of Alexandria by the Fire Zouaves. Col. Ellsworth Assassinated by a Rebel. HIS MURDERER INSTANTLY PUT TO DEATH."

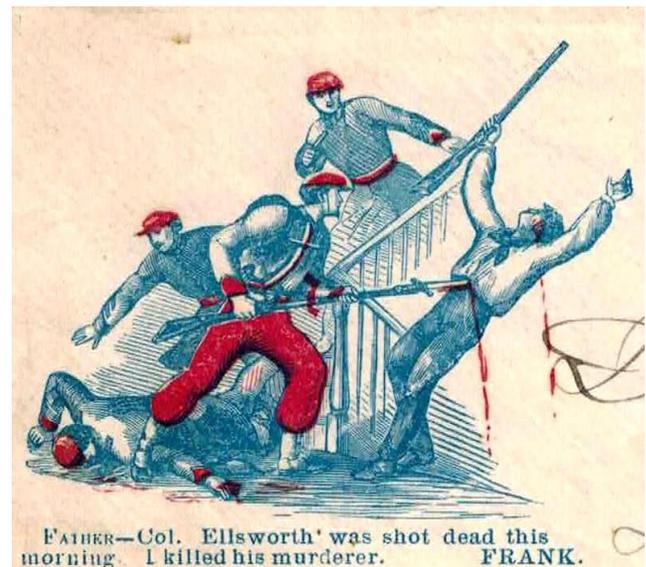
were the headlines in the *New York Times* on May 25th. Ellsworth was popular and prominent. He was a personal friend of President Lincoln and dined frequently at the White House. The North was shocked and the event had a lasting effect on the political envelopes that were being produced. Prior to June 1861, political envelopes were general expressions of political sentiment. The flags, banners, and slogans of April and May were distant and impersonal. Ellsworth's death was a sensational event. His "murder" opened the door to a much broader expression. Graphic scenes, mourning covers, heroic poses, and personal quotations began to appear on political envelopes.



October 28, 1861 Union patriotic cover showing the death of Ellsworth.



The June 15 issue of Harper's depicted the event.



Enlargement of cachet design, with quote from letter addressed to his father by Francis "Frank" Brownell.

In the immediate aftermath of the incident, a renewed sense of anger and urgency swept the North at a time when the reaction to Fort Sumter had begun to wane. Ellsworth's death was a boon to recruiting when

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Lincoln needed it most. It was an important event and Ellsworth should be remembered.

The exhibit highlights 22 of the 101 Ellsworth covers listed in *The Catalog of Union Civil War Patriotic Covers* by William H. Weiss, Jr. Preparing the exhibit was a most educational and rewarding experience.

* Richard's exhibit won the "Most Popular" award at KnoxPEX 2016.

Welcome New Members

By Jim Pettway

Following the January meeting, two of our visitors joined the KPS.

Franc Conner lives in Crossville. Franc is a long-time stamp and "everything" collector. His collecting interests are in the Great Britain Machin stamps and United States precancels. He should fit in nicely with our other precancel and Machin collectors.

Raymond Kusmierski also comes to the KPS from Crossville. Raymond collects worldwide stamps and United States coil stamps. I'm sure that Raymond will be able to fill a bunch of spaces in his worldwide collection with stamps from the KPS stamp stock as well as the APS Sales circuit books.

KPS member **Art Meharg**, formerly from Crossville now residing in Ohio, reports that these two were instrumental in forming the Crossville Philatelic Society. I'm sure they will have a lot to add to our club here in Knoxville.

Recent Donations

By Jim Pettway

I received in the KPS post office box recently a shoebox FULL of classic U.S. covers and a few more modern covers (next column at top). You will see these soon (if you haven't already) in the KPS inventory of stamps and covers. Thank you for the nice donation, **Art Cole**. Art is one of our newest KPS members. He lives in Huntsville, AL.

I also received a donation of stamps and covers from Linda Wright of Friendsville, TN. You will find these covers in with the club's stock. There is

also an Aristocrat World Stamp Album with a few common stamps that and will likely turn up in the club's Nickel stamps.



Upcoming Nearby Shows

By Tom Broadhead

Two great neighboring stamp clubs are having shows this month and next. Both are within easy driving distance and have great ties with KPS.

The Holston Stamp Club will hold its annual show, Holpex 2016 on May 6-7 at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, 2406 Roan Street, Johnson City, TN 37601. Several HSC members are also members of KPS, and it's worth the short drive to their great annual show. In addition to exhibits, six stamp/cover dealers are scheduled at the bourse. Holpex 2016 hours are 10:00-5:00, both May 6 and 7. Admission and parking are free. Club and show information is at the club's SEFSC web page, www.sefsc.org/holpex.html.

The Huntsville Stamp Club has its annual show, Huntspex 2016 on June 4-5 at the Conference Training Center, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 1410 Ben Graves Dr., Huntsville, AL 35899. The show features 19 dealers, exhibits, a commemorative cachet and cancel, post office station, and annual meeting of the Tennessee Postal History Society. Heinrich Hahn, a HSC member is a regular dealer at KnoxPEX, and **Art Cole** is a KPS member. More information is available at the club's SEFSC web page, www.sefsc.org/huntspex.html.

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9 Gold in a Row!

We have just been notified by the APS Chapter Activities Committee that the Knoxville Philatelic Society News has earned its 9th consecutive gold award. That is a record for the newsletter competition program.

Comments from the judges, Jean Stout, Cheryl Edgecomb, and Bruce Johnson led off with praise for **Ralph Dinwiddie's** cachets – “Designer envelopes is going the extra mile. Liked the mailer cover/cachet and commemoratives – great keepsakes.” Judges also liked the “Stamp of the Month” with a real stamp added each issue. Participation in the club and articles and notes written by many members earned positive comments, along with the use of color, stamp images, highlighting members' names, the masthead, president's column, formatting and layout. One judge said, “I'm ready to join!” Looks like we'll be sending a copy of the newsletter with a membership application!

Many thanks to our outgoing President, **Barbara Steverson**. I'm not sure that she looked forward to my monthly request for a column for the last two years, but she wrote some great ones. I enjoyed looking for stamp images to add related to her writing. Welcome to new KPS President, **Dave Anderson**, who will, similarly, get reminder emails, or in person when we see each other at lunch at UT.

Are you traveling abroad or happen to have about 120 copies of a stamp or from a stamp series? With our growing membership, it's no longer possible to just buy a sheet of 100 US stamps. I have a few of those on hand and will be looking for a few more copies to cover our needs. Do you have 20 copies of US J90, the 2 cent US postage due of 1959? No hurry – I'll probably use that on the December news with the dues payment notice!



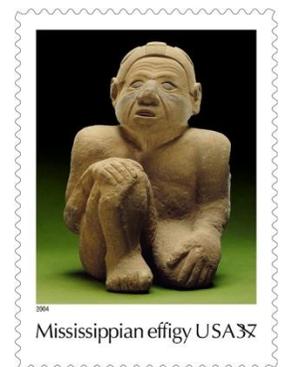
Tom Broadhead

President's Column

This is my first column as your President. I am honored to have been elected and will try to do a good job. KPS is in great shape, thanks to the hard work and support of our many members, and particularly outgoing President **Barbara Steverson**, who did so much in so many areas, from obtaining approval for updates to the constitution and by-laws, to overseeing meetings with good grace and humor. **Dave Warfel**, whose term was also up, deserves thanks for providing thoughtful leadership and incisive comments while serving on the board.

My goal as President is for KPS to continue to do what it has been doing so well, which is to promote interest and enthusiasm for stamp collecting. Our membership is large and growing, and one thing that I like about it is that we all share a common interest in stamps, even if the rest of our lives may go in very different directions. I plan to work on the web page that **Ralph Dinwiddie** so fabulously put in place. And, I hope we continue to have successful shows, and really appreciate the support of all those who attend, from dealers to KPS members to the interested public.

The stamp here (Scott 3873f) shows a late prehistoric era, probable mortuary temple, statue known as 'Sandy' that can be seen at the McClung Museum on the UT campus. Its selection is deliberate, since when not thinking about stamps I am a professional archaeologist, and have been for over 40 years. Currently a Professor of Anthropology at UT, I previously worked for the National Park Service and before that for a number of southeastern contract archaeology organizations. I specialize in southeastern US archaeology. I enjoy living in and restoring historic houses, brewing mead, and collecting various things, not the least of which are stamps!



Mississippian effigy USA37

Dave Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 3, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 35 members in attendance. President **Barbara Steverson** brought the meeting to order at 7:00. Treasurer **Thomas Lane**'s treasurer's report showed cash assets of \$14,169 at the end of April. Receipts for April were \$6,785 and expenses were \$6,863. It is anticipated that KnoxPEX came close to breaking even. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Meeting minutes for April were approved as published in the newsletter.

Consideration of by-laws. Previously distributed by email, a motion was passed, unanimously, to accept the new by-laws as drafted.

Communications committee: **Jim Pettway** reported he has a volunteer to assist KPS to come on to Facebook; projected for July. Club membership has been growing more rapidly than any other US club. Stamp acquisition committee: **Bruce Roberts** reported that volunteer efforts are appreciated. \$16,000 catalogue value of stamps has been worked up as APS circuit books.

KnoxPEX location. Motion made and passed to accept the executive board's recommendation to authorize **Thomas Lane** to enter a three year contract with the existing Holiday Inn location. The annual holiday party will be a luncheon – save the date of Saturday, December 10.

Jim Pettway presented **Tom Broadhead** with a Gold Award for APS newsletter competition, the ninth consecutive year (leads the country).

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Nominated officers and directors were introduced. The nominated slate of officers and directors was elected by a consolidated vote.

Adjournment at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

John Smartt, secretary



Newly elected KPS officers (left to right): **Ray Simko**, Director; **Thomas Lane**, Treasurer; **Barbara Steverson**, Past President; **John Smartt**, Secretary; **Bob Ceo**, Vice President; **Dave Anderson**, President

KPS Board Meeting – May 3

The Executive Board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 6 PM. There were 6 officers/directors in attendance. President **Barbara Steverson** presided.

Business: **Maria Javier** will replace **Stu Hanlein** as chair of the 5 cent stamps program. Book regarding exhibiting - it was decided not to purchase the book at this time. It was moved and passed that the Executive Board recommends to the membership a 3 year contract, negotiated by **Thomas Lane**, for KnoxPEX at the existing Holiday Inn site.

Adjournment at 6:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Smartt, secretary

Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

June 7 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA

July 5 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA

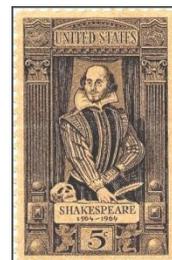
August 2 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA

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Turkey Creek – 10-1

Stamp of the Month

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, our stamp of the month is the 1964 US commemorative honoring the 400th anniversary of his birth (Scott 1250). These come from the old stock of KPS stamps.



Anyone for Shakespeare?

By Tom Broadhead

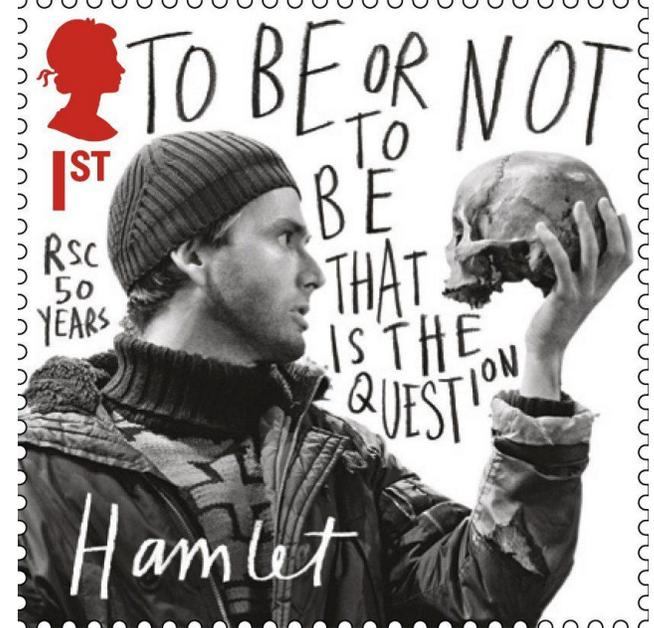
In the middle of April, just as I had finished the May KPS newsletter, I watched a fascinating television show on the Folger Shakespeare Library, one of the great treasures that can be visited in Washington, DC. The show mentioned that William Shakespeare, born in 1564, had died on April 23, 1616. So this is the 400th anniversary of the death of the “Bard of Avon.” Next, I found more than 120 copies of the 1964 U.S. commemorative (Scott 1250) commemorating the 400th anniversary of his birth – your stamp of the month.

But my curiosity was piqued. It was time to rekindle my knowledge, going back to 7th grade readings of his plays, and learn more about Shakespeare on stamps. A Google image search showed many from Britain, the Commonwealth, and other countries (German Democratic Republic (DDR), 1964, Scott 690, below and Vatican City, 2014, Scott 1576, below).

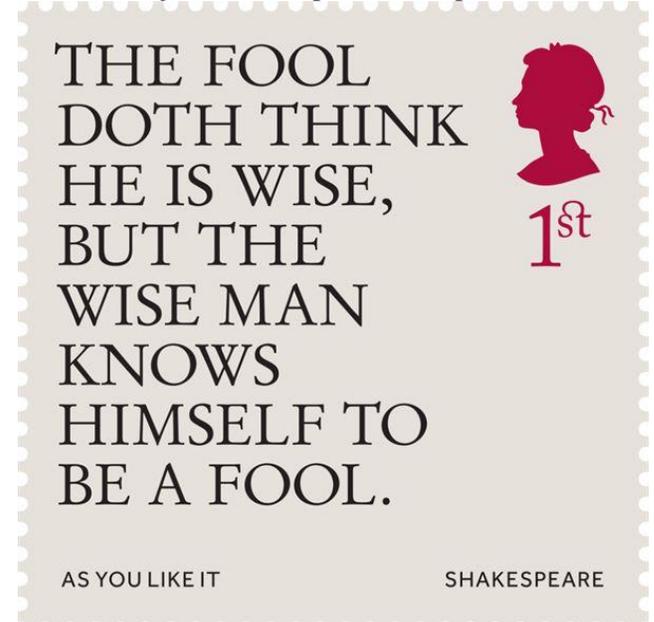


Then I became even more curious about how many Shakespeare stamps there were and how many countries had honored him. An email to **Vera Felts**, American Topical Association Executive Director and KPS member, got me a quick reply and a reference to the ATA Checklist #659. That list, up-to-

date through 2014, shows 128 different stamps, issued by 54 different countries or colonies. These show not only images of Shakespeare, but scenes depicting his plays, such as the stamp below honoring the 50th anniversary of the Royal Shakespeare Company (Great Britain, 2011, Scott 2894).



But wait! There are more! I then received my April 25 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, and there is an article by Denise McCarty with pictures of 10 new British stamps with quotes from Shakespeare's plays. This new set was just issued April 5 (example below).



Previously, the most issued by a country are a set of 16 issued by Sierra Leone in 1989 (Scott 1050a-h) and three more! The Checklist shows 15 from Great

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Britain, but with celebrations this year, that number will go up by 10, and other countries are sure to follow.

Thinking about Shakespeare and his works also led me to contemplate the context of his life and work. Elizabeth I (1533-1603) (Great Britain, 1968, Scott 568) was queen when he was born and during most of his life. The Globe Theatre in London is best known for contemporary performances of his plays (Great Britain, 1995, Scott 1622). There may be more British or other countries' stamps that also relate to this time.



This has been just a scratch on the surface of an interesting topic that just happens to have a recent date significance. Topical collecting can lead to a new understanding of the history and culture of a country. If you have thoughts about starting a topical collection, see the American Topical Association's website – www.americantopicalassn.org. Enter through the main page and go to the Checklist page to find many topics and how to purchase the latest check lists. **Vera Felts** indicates that there are more than 1200 different ATA checklists, and the number is growing. Altogether, there are more than 650,000 items referenced and cross-referenced, with up to a 1000 new listings each month. You can use your checklists to shop the KPS stamp stock or American Philatelic Society circuit books and launch a new collection!

Headed to New York?

By Tom Broadhead

World Stamp Show – NY 2016 - <http://ny2016.org> - is just a few weeks away, and I will feature some news and photos in next month's KPS News. Are you going? Please let me know if and when you will be there – tomwb50@aol.com.

Donations to the KPS

By Jim Pettway

In the past month or so, several donations of stamps and covers have been received by our stamp club. As an APS Estate Advisor for Tennessee I am contacted from time to time by the American Philatelic Society to view and advise those who have inherited collections of stamps and covers. But most contacts come from our KPS website via a *Google* search for Knoxville stamp clubs.

During the course of a year KPS receives about 4-6 donations. Unfortunately most of what I see are beginner collections that haven't seen the light of day in decades. What were mint stamps are stuck to the pages and many U.S. stamps are best used for postage. But then there are some treasures sometimes found hidden among the pages of a stamp album. Granted, these are far and few between but they appear occasionally and bring a smile to my face.

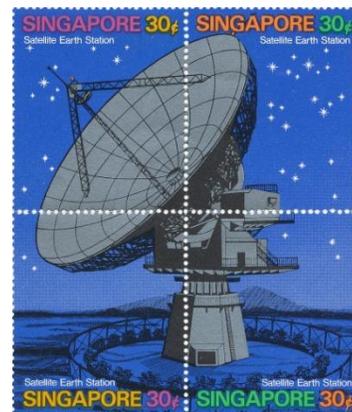
So what happens to the donations? **Bruce Roberts** and the KPS Stamp Acquisition Committee cull through the stamps, albums and covers and present these to members for purchase. Many items end up in the Nickel Stamps while others are carded and identified by Scott number and priced at a discount from Scott catalog values. Some stamps, supplies, and covers go to **Randy Haese** for the beginner collectors.

One thing that the KPS isn't currently able to do is offer a receipt informing the donor that their donation is accepted by the KPS in accordance with IRS 501(c)3. It is our hopes that this will change in the near future.

Treasures from the KPS Inventory

By Bruce Roberts

In 1971, Singapore issued a single stamp (Scott 142) and block of four (Scott 143) shown at right to commemorate its Earth Satellite tracking station. These high catalog stamps are now available for you, as new additions to the KPS inventory!



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Notes from World Stamp Show NY2016



The once-a-decade international show in the US has come and gone, and many KPS members took advantage of this great event to do some serious philately. Those, whom I saw or let me know they would be attending were **Len Curtis**, **Ralph Dinwiddie**, **Pat Koppel**, **Thomas Lane**, **Tom Ringenbach**, **Gerald Schroedl**, and **Luke Wilder**. KPS members, **Scott English** –

American Philatelic Society Executive Director and **Vera Felts** – American Topical Association Executive Director were there in official capacities, but I hope they had some time for shopping and viewing the exhibits. I also saw former KPS member, **Bob Toal**, who was our president many years ago.



If you wonder about dealers, one of the most popular was “Coverman,” whose large booth was always packed with collectors who poured over drawers and large boxes full of covers. I never quite made it close enough to get a chair!

More show pictures and some interesting stories will be shared in next month’s KPS news. If you went and have photos or anecdotes, let me know!

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

I write this just back from an archaeological dig in South Carolina where my UT students have been exploring late prehistoric Native American occupations at the Topper Site along the Savannah River. Working outside for a month makes me appreciate stamp collecting, especially the cool dry conditions stamps in which stamps need to be stored. As someone who deals with perishable archaeological remains, I am reminded that stamps, like artifacts, require great care in their collection, storage, and display. Paper postage stamps have only been produced and collected for a century and a half, but people have been using stamps of wax, ink, and clay for millennia to denote personal status and ownership of goods. Indeed, the origins of writing itself may be found amid the abstract symbols on early stamp impressions, such as this example from the Harappan civilization of the Indus valley (ca. 2000 B.C.), whose script is only partly understood.



Steatite seal and modern impression depicting unicorn(?) and unknown pictographic symbols.

www.metmuseum.org/toah/works-of-art/49.40.1

Ancient stamp impressions have survived for thousands of years because they were stamped into clay or if the seals were carved from stone. Paper stamping is far more fragile, and typically only preserves in extremely dry environments, like the deserts and tombs of Egypt. In regions where dampness and humidity can degrade paper, like here in the southeast, the lessons from archaeology are that we must care for our collections so they will carry the record of our civilization into the future.

Dave Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 7, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 27 members and 4 guests in attendance. President **Dave Anderson** brought the meeting to order at 6:55.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of May, the club had cash assets of \$12,741. Receipts for the month were \$3,368, outgo was \$4,796. For KnoxPEX total receipts were \$9,978 and total disbursements were \$8,720 for a final KnoxPEX net income of \$1,058 (of which \$1,000 is attributed to the auction). The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Jim Pettway reported the KPS Facebook will be ready soon. **Dave Anderson** reported that work on updating the web page continues. **Maria Javier**, new coordinator of the Nickel Stamp sales, announced new procedures for purchases, including a checkout log. **Ralph Dinwiddie**, **Gerald Schroedl**, **Thomas Lane**, and **Tom Broadhead** gave brief reports of the World Stamp Show NY2016.

Gary Santini gave a talk about the Washington-Franklin stamps in collections bought by the Stamp Acquisition Committee. He showed how some coil stamps were genuine, but that others had been trimmed from perforated stamps.

Adjournment at 7:45.
Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

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Passing the Torch – Nickel Books

“Nickel Books” have thousands of great stamps, all priced for you at just five cents. Most come from donations, estate acquisitions, and purchases by the Stamp Acquisition Committee. **Stu Hanlein** (below, right) has coordinated this important part of KPS stamps, and has now passed it to **Maria Javier** (below, left).



Thanks, Stu and Maria!

Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

July 5 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA
August 2 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA
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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamps are a mixture of the 1-8 cent small definitives of Canada's 1967 Centennial Series, featured in **Paul Hager's** accompanying article. Examples include sheet, coil, and booklet used singles – and even a few precancels. Which did you get? Thanks to Paul for donating these stamps.



The Centennial Series of Canada

By Paul Hager

The 1967-1973 definitive series is one of the most interesting (and difficult) of the numerous definitive series of Canada. The series was launched in response to the Centennial of the Confederation of the several provinces and regions of Canada into one country in 1867. It is one of the most popular sets released by that country's postal service.

The Queen Elizabeth II definitives issued prior to the Centennials were all very similar in production and printing methods. All that changed with the Centennials, which is why they are probably so popular. There are five perforation varieties (9.5, 10, 11.8, 12 X 12.5); five different taggings (none, general [op-2 & op-4], and Winnipeg one bar and two bar (see the 5 cent below); two gum types (PVA and dextrin); and five fluorescent varieties of paper (dead or none, low, medium, high, and Hi-bright).

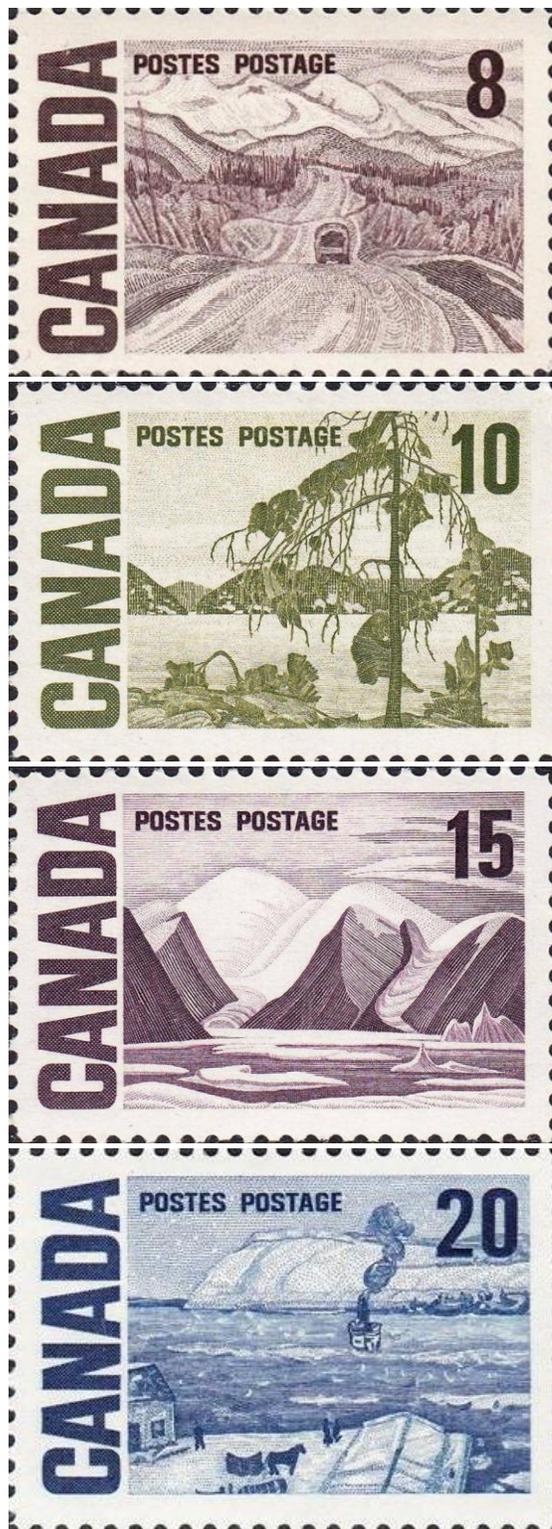
Two printers were contracted to produce the series – the British American Bank Note Co. (BABN) and the Canadian Bank Note Co. (CBN).

The initial 12 stamps were issued February 5, 1967. The “low value” or “small format” stamps depicted, besides a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, scenes from regions of the country. These consist of the 1¢ brown (northern region), 2¢ green (Pacific coast), 3¢ purple (prairies), 4¢ carmine (central Canada), and 5¢ blue (Atlantic coast).



Three coil stamps, 3¢, 4¢, and 5¢, were issued at this time, all of the same designs as the sheet stamps.

The “high value or large format” values were based on portions of art works by seven Canadian artists. They do not have a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. These designs (below) are: 8¢ brown, “Alaska Highway,” 10¢ olive green “The Jack Pine,” 15¢ purple “Bylot Island,” 20¢ dark blue “The Ferry, Quebec.”



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The higher values are 25¢ slate green “Solemn Land,” 50¢ orange brown “Winter’s Stores,” and \$1.00 carmine rose “Edmonton Oil Fields.”



In subsequent years (1968 to 1973), additional low value (small format) stamps were issued to meet increased postal rates: the 6¢ orange, 6¢ black (3 different dies) and 7¢ green (Transportation), and 8¢ slate (Library of Parliament). Coil stamps were issued for each of the 3 denominations.



Postal stationery in 3¢ through 8¢ was also issued using the same designs of those denominations. One 8¢ envelope was also printed using the “Alaska Highway” vignette.

All in all, there are 39 different stamps for a complete collection of the basic series, counting sheet stamps, coils, dies, and booklet stamps. This counts different perforations, but not taggings or papers. If one collects booklet panes, there are 16 different panes to be found. Inscription block collectors will find 49 different inscription blocks, since sheet stamps were printed from two to six plates, depending on the denomination.

Major varieties, most rare, include imperforate coils (6¢ orange, 6¢ black, 7¢ green and 8¢ slate), printed on the gum side, and tagging (omitted tagging or tagging on only one side of the stamp). There are literally hundreds of minor “flyspeck” varieties and more are being found, even after 50 years. Finally, a good lamp is definitely needed for study of this series.

Welcome New KPS Members

By Jim Pettway

The KPS is happy to welcome two new members in the past months. **Bruce Bennett** joined the KPS in April. He lives in Crossville, Tennessee. Bruce collects U.S. mints stamps, plate blocks, first day covers and ZIP blocks. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Crossville Stamp Club.

Also joining the KPS from Crossville is **Lance Limoges**, who joined the club in May. Lance collects pre-1940 worldwide stamps and covers, as well as postal history and documents. Lance is a longtime member of the American Philatelic Society.

KPS now has 8 members from Crossville and others in Harriman and Kingston, a short distance down the road from Crossville. It looks like it's about time to consider a KPS Saturday meeting in Crossville. I'll be checking into that over the next few months.

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Thinking Outside the Album

Philately can be a very introspective hobby, but I firmly believe that it is the most inclusive hobby in the world. How do we get the word out to non-philatelists and interest them?

One way to do that is to introduce other interest groups to the intersection of our hobby with their hobbies or professional interests. This month, KPS member **Mike Downs** has a paper about U.S. Civil War philately published in a journal related to history. Mike is a retired history teacher, who not only explores history in traditional ways, but also through philately. His article shows a selection of Civil War era and later covers, with commentaries about the significance of each.



His explanation of a first day cover honoring the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1949 (Scott 985) is sure to draw the interest of subscribers. This is a great example of sharing the hobby with a population that is probably non-philatelic.

You should also know that Mike's interest in the Civil War is reflected in his position as the Department Commander of Tennessee with Alabama and Mississippi, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Last year I wrote an article in the KPS News (August 2015) explaining my use of hingeless stamp albums, because I don't have the time or patience for mounting stamps one at a time, and because I can't bear to put a hinge on a MNH or nice used stamp. A year later I still haven't used a single hinge or mount, but may have to change my approach and become a bit more flexible.

Many hingeless albums have individual mounts already in place. Unfortunately, some of the mounts break or fall out of the album, usually through carelessness and less commonly, age. The solution is to replace the mount, something I haven't done yet. I have thought about switching to Luxe Lindner albums, which have clear plastic pages stamps can be slipped into, and that allow one to see the front and back of every stamp on a page at once. These pages have spaces for extra stamps, and buying replacement or additional pages is easy, because they come in standard sizes.



As I progress in my collecting—it's been five years now—I'm becoming increasingly focused on stamp condition, and in that regard the backs are as interesting and important as the fronts. However, the thought of replacing and standardizing my existing hingeless album collection, only a fraction of which are Lindner, is daunting and pricy, however uniform and accessible it will make my collection. As a new collector, I am figuring this out as I go, and having fun in the process! Stay tuned!

Dave Anderson

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Tax status and incorporation: **Thomas Lane** stated that incorporation papers have been filed with the assistance of a CPA firm. Incorporation requires minor changes to the KPS constitution. Filing for 501(c)(3) non-profit status is expected to follow reasonably soon. Constitution changes will be addressed at the next meeting. Stamp acquisition committee: **Bruce Roberts** announced that the catalogue value of KPS inventory has topped \$250,000. Web presence: **David Anderson** stated that progress continues. The KPS Facebook page is up. KnoxPEX: **Bruce Roberts** stated the need for a theme. There was discussion regarding the late UT women's basketball coach, Pat Summitt as the theme. A decision was postponed to the next KPS meeting.

Holiday Lunch: **Thomas Lane** stated the terms of RJ's Courtyard, a restaurant on Alcoa Highway, north of the airport. The recommendation was accepted by vote of the membership.

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Bob Ceo presented the program, "Budapest Postal Museum and Hungary's Postage Stamp Museum.

Adjournment at 8:00.
Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

KPS Is On Facebook

It's official – we now have a page on the Facebook social media site. **Jim Pettway** got this ball rolling a couple of years ago, and **Lori Williams** is leading the effort to update it.



Knoxville, Tennessee



If you are already on Facebook, just search for Knoxville Philatelic Society and become a friend of KPS. If not, please join. There is a whole philatelic world out there. www.facebook.com It's free! You can search for Facebook pages of other clubs, including our neighbors – Holston Stamp Club in Upper East Tennessee and the Huntsville Philatelic Club in northern Alabama.

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- September 6 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA
- October 4 – KPS monthly meeting – Stamp Collecting Month, live auction. Auction form in the September KPS news.

Stamp of the Month

Thinking about Britain's pending exit (aka Brexit) from the European Union, I thought it appropriate to look back to the European Postal Union's first common design type in 1958. Here is the Netherlands 12 cent (Scott 375) stamp, with the design shared by 7 other countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, and Saar. These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.



KPS Owns A Significant Error – Or Does It?

By Bruce Roberts

The following is a tale of excitement, highs, lows and finally a bit of frustration. As you will see, there was the possibility that KPS had an unreported major color missing error.

On April 3 at the Regency auction your KPS buyers purchased Lot 3624, described as “a colorful, world-wide mint dealer’s stock.” We paid \$168.00 for the lot, including commission. I began working through the lot in April. It consisted of a large 3 ring binder containing 8.5 x 11 page protectors each bulging with mint sheets, partial sheets, souvenir sheets, strips of 5, 10 and 20 and single stamps.



There was minimal order in any of this, although the sheets in a stack tended to be from one country. I worked through everything in several of the sheet protectors, and we quickly recovered our cost for the lot.

On April 16, I pulled out a stack of sheetlets of 20 stamps from Tonga, a South Pacific island group, part of the British Commonwealth, located south Samoa. Tonga first issued stamps in 1886 and is famous for many unusual shaped stamps. The stamp on the top of the pile was Scott #1188 (next column at top) issued in 2012 to commemorate education and penmanship. The catalog value for this stamp is \$3.50, so a sheetlet of 20 catalogs \$70, and we appeared to have several sheetlets. The central design is a purple pencil box containing yellow pencils.

Imagine my surprise when I removed the top sheetlet and underneath was a sheet completely missing the central design and the \$3 value Wow, what a find! And that was compounded as I remove each succeeding sheetlet to find a normal sheet followed by two more of the “error” sheetlets. I grabbed my Scott catalog and assured myself that no color error was listed. I sent an email to Chad Snee, a member of the Scott editorial board, along with scans of the normal and error sheetlets (next column).



He replied to me on April 17 and the response was a bit of a letdown. “Hello Bruce, Thank you for writing. With the exceptions of Canada and Great Britain, Scott does not list errors for modern worldwide issues. Nonetheless, that’s an impressive color-omitted error. You might consider alerting the Errors, Freaks & Oddities Collectors Club.” I left a message on the web site of the Errors, Freaks & Oddities Collectors Club, but they have not responded.

I next went to the Stanley Gibbons website. Stanley Gibbons in London is the premier company dealing in British Commonwealth stamps and covers, and they publish extensive catalogs covering the whole British area, including Tonga. Their site allowed me to address an email to their staff and attach files. I sent an email with the scans of the normal and color missing sheets.

I received a prompt response (on Sunday April 18!) as follows: “Good afternoon Bruce. Thank you for contacting Stanley Gibbons support. I have reviewed

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our *Stamps of the World* catalogue and have identified the two Stamps in question as SG 1656 - Education and the second issue is SG1656a 'Personalized Stamp' This was produced as a largely blank stamp and should include a value printed on each stamp which appears to be missing from your issues."

"These have an approximate catalogue value of £3 per stamp in an unused condition, with sheets often being worth more than an individual may be. I have forwarded your information to our catalogues team to review with regards to the potential misprint on SG1656a and they will contact you directly with any further updates. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further comments or questions. Kind Regards. Matthew Marsh, Stanley Gibbons Marketplace - Customer Support."

This was a continued let down, since apparently the stamp was intentionally issued blank, to allow people to put anything they wanted into the central space. However, the fact the value was also missing held out hope we actually had something unusual.

I decided to investigate further on my own. I did a web search for "Tonga Stamp Agency" and went to the website of Philatelic Collector Inc., the North American Agency for the Tonga Postal Service. I located the 2012 Personalized issue, illustrated on their website with the \$3 denomination. I sent an email to the PCI staff asking if anyone had reported a Tonga Personalized issue with value missing.

Mr. Marsh from Stanley Gibbons wrote me again on April 19 with the following information. "It is possible that even the denomination omitted may not be a misprint, as the literature available to us at customer support was limited in scope. Our catalogues team will hopefully have a more conclusive answer for you in time."

The final word came on May 16 from Chris Lazar at PCI. "Thank you for your email and inquiry regarding the Tonga Personalized issue. I am familiar with the item you have that does not contain a denomination. These were actually produced intentionally as a non-postal use label for the future promotions of the personalized stamp offerings from the post office. This variety was not reported to catalogues worldwide as it is not considered to be a stamp itself but rather a label."

So, there you have it. We don't have an error, or even a stamp, but it was fun investigating.

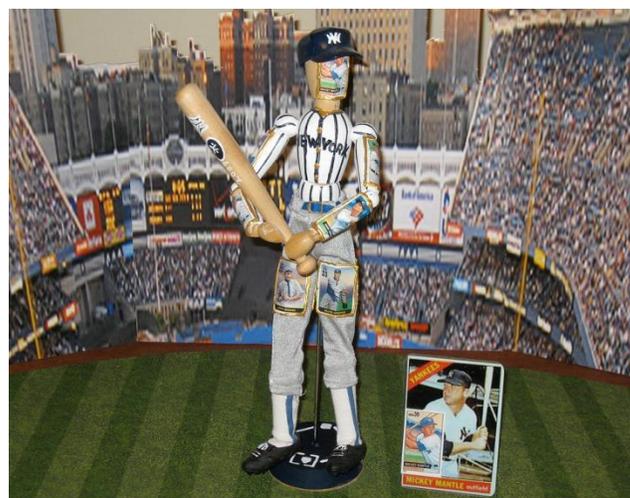
Batter Up?

By Tom Broadhead

Although baseball may no longer be America's most popular sport, it is close. The USPS has issued many great stamps related to baseball, beginning with the 1939 baseball centennial stamp (Scott 855).



At the New York show, I met an enterprising artist, Tommy Montanez, who has taken small artist mannequins and outfitted them as baseball players. The image below is from his web site – <http://bondesignsgroup.com>.



We have some baseball fans in KPS, and they might want to try their hands at this creative handicraft. An article for the KPS news about baseball on US stamps would be most welcome.

Next year, the Atlanta Braves will be moving to a new stadium, to the north in Cobb County. That puts them a lot closer to Knoxville fans. Oh, and I wanted to mention that the theme for Southeastern Stamp Expo 2017 in Atlanta, next January 27-29 will be baseball. Save the date!

SCENES FROM WORLD STAMP SHOW – NEW YORK 2016

By Tom Broadhead

The New York show was one of those “once in a lifetime” opportunities, and the World Stamp Exhibition will not return to the US for another 10 years. This was my third world show in the US, following Pacific 97 and Washington 2006. Each has been very different from the previous.



The ribbon cutting at the opening ceremony not only included show president, Wade Saadi (at center), but also representatives of the USPS, the U.S. Navy (it was Fleet Week in New York), and an actor portraying Alexander Hamilton (from the Broadway hit musical).

World Stamp Show-NY 2016: May 28 opening ceremony



Linn’s ran the above photo from the opening, and Gerald Schroedl, Thomas Lane, and I are identifiable in the full size image. We were there!



New York is an expensive place, and after eating at a café that charged \$10 for two eggs, we opted for “street food,” finding convenient trash receptacles to be useful breakfast tables. On subsequent days, we ate at the hotel.

The show was at the Javits Center, named for late New York senator Jacob Javits, and ran from May 28 to June 4. There were spectacular exhibits, dealers from all over the world, many philatelic societies, in addition to lectures and special dinner events.

I had submitted my single frame exhibit on 19th Century French visiting card mail. I shipped it on time to U.S. eastern region commissioner, Yamil Kouri, and was notified that it had been received. Anxious to see how it looked in the frame, I made a bee line to the exhibits and found . . . an empty frame! High anxiety set in, and I found Vesma Grenfels, the U.S. western commissioner, who, after a short wait, was able to go into the “bin room,” where exhibit materials and packing was securely kept. The successful search turned up my exhibit – still in the shipping envelope! I was told that the envelope was so thin that people mounting the exhibits thought the envelope was empty. Below are before and after I mounted my own exhibit. Only smiling in the first photo, because my exhibit had been found by then.



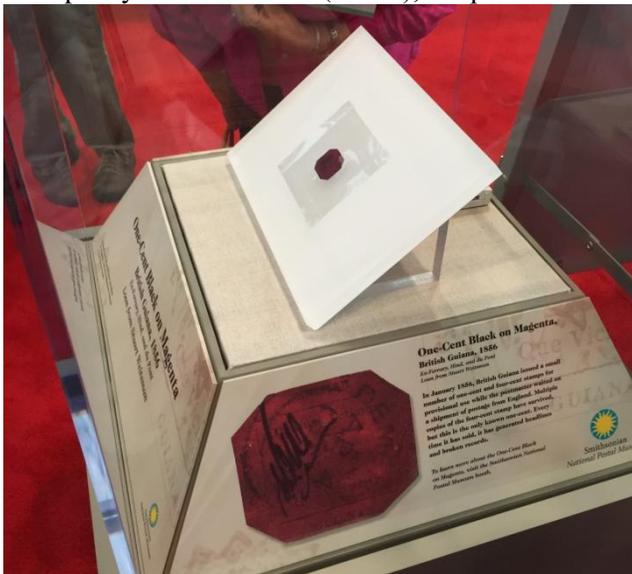
FIP, the international federation, treats single frame exhibits differently from the standard 5- or 8-frame ones that enter into all of the levels of competition. I was delighted to earn 83 points on mine, which earned me a semi-official, vermeil medal, inscribed on the back.

Some of the real highlights of the show were legendary stamps, including the Swedish, error of color, 3-skilling banco. Rather than appearing in the Court of Honor with other great rarities, it was in a frame as part of a larger exhibit showing the first

issues of Sweden. It was otherwise noteworthy as having a black barrier in front of the frame (below), its own guards on duty, and absolutely no photography.



More accessible were pieces in the Court of Honor, which were accompanied by guards, but no barriers, and photography was allowed. It was thrilling to see the 1 penny British Guiana (below), “in person.”



There were many opportunities to volunteer, and **Thomas Lane** (below) spent time at registration and at the youth area, helping budding young philatelists.



The busiest booths in the bourse were those of U.S. mega-dealers, including A&D and Coverman (below).



There were plenty of specialty dealers and all of us (**Gerald Schroedl**, below) took advantage of those.



KPS members current (**Luke Wilder**, below left) and past (Bob Toal, former KPS president below right) were there, and it was good to see so many familiar faces.



Overall, it was a great show!

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Thanks and Congratulations!

KPS News “Stamp of the Month” is a feature of our newsletter that always earns praise from judges in the APS newsletter competition. It is interesting, and even fun, to try to find a stamp that relates to a current event or an article in the newsletter. With 117 members, we now need about 120 copies of a stamp, or stamps from a series. Many KPS members, notably **Pat Goebel**, **Ralph Dinwiddie**, **Wes Hays**, and **Randy Haese**, have contributed in recent years, and the KPS Stamp Acquisition Committee occasionally finds enough bulk stamps to meet the need. I try to get stamps from post offices on my world travels, and this month’s (and several more to come) stamp is from **Bob Ceo’s** and **Lori Williams’s** trip to central Europe.

The August KPS News featured an article by **Paul Hager** about Canada’s confederation centennial stamps, and was accompanied by copies for stamp of the month. Paul also donated a complete set (1¢-\$1) of unused stamps. Last month, we had a drawing at the monthly meeting, and



John Dings (at left) was the lucky winner of this attractive set.

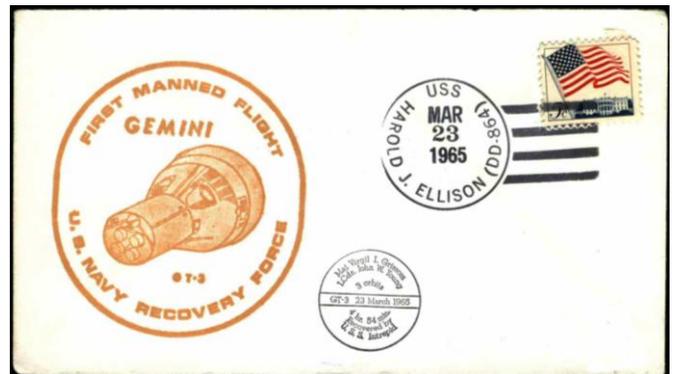
Many thanks to members who continue to contribute to KPS, and more are always welcome. Their gifts enrich the philatelic experience for all of

us. Stamp Collecting month (October) is fast approaching. Think of ways to enjoy our hobby.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

I started collecting stamps seriously five years ago, when I went to the KnoxPEX annual show after having been invited for years by UT colleague, **Gerald Schroedl**. I was told a few days later that I had won the door prize, a Penny Black in a special album. That set the hook, and I’ve been getting more and more interested since, and now spend an hour or two a day on stamps. I find the hobby quite relaxing as long as I remember it is supposed to be a break from work, and not work itself. Maybe when I retire I’ll have time to put in more hours, but for now, the point is to unwind from work, not be at work!



But actually, the hook was partly set some 50 years ago, when as a young teenager I collected coins, comic books, and US stamps, converting my weekly paper route money (\$5 a week!) into those things. My comic collection, when sold 20 years later, helped pay for my doctoral program. The coins I still have somewhere, but they were never much of an interest and certainly not of much value. As for stamps, my grandfather had worked in a post office for 40 some years, and I remember looking at his collection in grade school (he had a very nice US album). At age 12 I started acquiring recovery fleet covers for early US missions, and still have a few, although I stopped getting them after the early Gemini missions. I still like space related stamps and covers, and someday hope to own a cover that went to the moon!

Dave Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 2, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 32 members and two guests in attendance. President **Dave Anderson** presided. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of July, 2016, the club had cash assets of \$12,050. Receipts for the month were \$1,751, outgo was \$4,503 (principally stamp purchases). The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change.

A motion passed to change the constitution and bi-laws to add “, Inc.” to further conform to our proposed tax status. A motion passed to accept **Thomas Lane's** recommendation to have the December lunch at Calhoun's on the River.

Jim Pettway discussed the APS circuit books and asked for opinions concerning retaining that program. The August 20th Saturday meeting is to be rescheduled (to avoid conflict with the Knox Summer Stamp Show). **Maria Javier** announced that Nickel Stamps need to be picked up for the September KPS meeting. Education efforts are part of the mission of a 501 (c)(3) organization. If interested in developing new programs, contact **Randy Haese** or **Barbara Steverson**. **Thomas Lane** announced that KPS has obtained its 501(c)(3) incorporation certificate.

Bob Smith announced that KnoxPEX 2017 planning

is ahead of schedule. Ten of 12 dealers needed have signed up to appear. **Tom Broadhead** has begun discussions concerning the theme for KnoxPEX with the Pat Summitt Foundation. USPS show cancel approval takes at least 2 months. **Jim Pettway** announced that the Facebook page is in process, still in the testing stage. It is a closed group (KPS members only). Members are encouraged to join the group. Web page development is still in process.

Adjournment to speaker at 7:45 PM.

The program, given by **Dr. Steve Stow** was “Nuclear Stuff on Stamps.”

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

KPS Board Meeting – August 2

The Executive Board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. There were seven board members and/or officers in attendance. President **Dave Anderson** presided. Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change.

Jim Pettway asked for discussion concerning possibly discontinuing the APS circuit books at KPS meetings. The matter is to be brought to the membership for discussion. It was proposed to cancel the August 20th Saturday meeting due to conflict with the Knoxville Summer Stamp Show, forwarded to the membership for discussion. **Anderson** stated that a member had inquired regarding the sufficiency of sales price of some items by KPS. The member was urged to contact the Stamp Acquisition Committee.

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Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, is a 20 euro-cents definitive of Austria (Scott 1865) showing a sailing scene from the district of Carinthia. They are gifts from **Bob Ceo** and **Lori Williams**, acquired on their summer vacation.



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Ach du Lederhosen!

By Lori Williams

Bob Ceo and I used part of our vacation in Europe to visit post offices in quest of low denomination stamps for the KPS newsletter. It was quite a challenge finding them and then negotiating purchases. On several of our visits we ended up at the philatelic counter. Sadly, in the Bratislava post office they only took cash (most others took credit cards) and I was alone and didn't have much cash so it limited my Slovakian purchases.

At the philatelic counter in Wien (Vienna), we were treated to a view of many beautiful stamps. I was quite taken with one particular Austrian issue, a stamp made of faux leather shaped like lederhosen (Alpine leather trousers). It also had six Swarovski crystals embedded on the surface. I asked Bob to buy me one, but, he said that we don't collect Austria and



there was no need to purchase it. I thought "oh well" and off we went to return to the cruise ship. (For some reason, most of the time I did not carry money on this trip or I would have bought it myself. I am capable of actions not in sync with my husband.)

Later he mused that it was odd that when I made the request, he refused to make the purchase. I said that we should have bought two - one for me and one for our philatelic friend Joe who lives in New Mexico.

Later, we had an occasion to be in the Linz post office. Bob had seen the error of his ways and was willing to buy two. I thought that such a stamp will be primarily a mint philatelic item and would rarely be cancelled. So I wanted to send our friend Joe a post card with the stamp. The 6,30 euros was far more than the post card rate, and we were never able to determine the purpose of the 6,30 rate. Again my idea did not bear fruit. Once we were out of Austria, Bob again saw the error of his ways. But it was too late, since we could not use the Austrian stamps in Germany!

Our first full day in Garmisch, Germany, our friends whisked us off to the Zugspitze, the highest point in Germany. Bob noticed a mail box on top with a hand written notation that only letters with German stamps

could be placed in the box. What an odd notation unless...Bob walked around the corner and there was a restaurant festooned with bunting in Austrian colors. (We had no idea that we would be crossing the border on our alpine adventure!) Nearby was an Austrian mailbox with a similar notation about only Austrian stamped mail could be dropped in that box. It would be easy to purchase a postcard here. But alas we did not have the stamp! Bob's sister in law had purchased two of the lederhosen stamps for her grandsons with plans to frame each stamp.

Believe it or not, Pam had the stamps on her. So Bob bought a post card and wrote a note to our friend Joe. And success, we mailed the post card a few feet into Austria. The restaurant hostess went to the mail box and retrieved the card. She looked at it and was satisfied that it had Austrian postage and returned to the hostess station where she hand cancelled the card.



The card safely arrived in Santa Fe (even though the zip was off by one number - way to go USPS). I emailed Joe and asked him if the crystals made it to New Mexico. He responded "What crystals?" (...just like a guy...) but when he checked, he said the crystals were indeed on the stamp - a happy ending to our philatelic quest. (ed. note: Only 150,000 of these stamps were produced!)

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 6

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KPS education efforts need to be emphasized in the coming 501(c)(3) status application. Consideration will be giving to using APS educational materials as KPS program presentations. **Tom Broadhead** is in contact with the Pat Summitt Foundation about approval required for KPS to have her as the theme for KnoxPEX 2017. Two changes to the by-laws to be voted on by the membership, to add “Inc.” It was proposed that the December membership lunch be at Calhoun’s on the River; the directors were split, and the choice will be submitted to the membership. The membership meal subsidy is to be discussed at a future time.

Adjournment at 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Bob Ceo wins at Nashville Stamp Show

By Tom Broadhead

The Nashville Philatelic Society holds its annual show the weekend after KnoxPEX in March. This year, **Bob Ceo** entered his single frame exhibit about “The World War II Era in France.” We got to see Bob’s great exhibit at KnoxPEX 2016.



In addition to a Silver award in the overall judging, Bob was recognized with the First Place award for a novice collector. Bob is shown above right with head judge, Elizabeth Hisey, who is also an APS accredited judge and vice president of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. Congratulations, Bob!

Be a KPS Friend on Facebook!

If you are already on Facebook, just search for Knoxville Philatelic Society and become a friend of KPS. **Lori Williams** (aka Philatelic Lori) will friend you.

Collect the Stamps of Portugal

By Bob Smith

If you do not collect the stamps of Portugal you may want to consider this interesting country. My wife Carolyn is half Portuguese, (don't ask me what half). We have visited the Azores Islands twice, and I would fly into Lisbon quite often when I worked overseas. The country is beautiful, the people friendly and the food is wonderful.

One of the benefits of being on the Stamp Acquisition Committee is working up stamps from many different countries. From time to time I come across a country I have not collected. I wrote an article about the Vatican a while back and this article will continue the “series” with Portugal.

What do I like about the stamps of Portugal? The answer is, a bunch of things. I don't know about you, but I get frustrated, confused and grumpy when I have to deal with fractional perforations that are not on my perf gauge, the difference between “laid paper” vs. wove, or better yet, salmon vs. magenta. For the most part Portugal has avoided many of these difficult-to-identify issues, which lets you collect the early issues with a reasonable level of confidence.

Portugal also has issued many well designed sets with only a few definitive sets that extend over multiple years. Have you ever tried to collect the



Norwegian “posthorn” series? You think you have nailed the last one down when you turn the page and there's another bunch honking at you! Portugal has a few multi-year definitive series but nothing like the Posthorns or worse, the United Kingdom's Machin's.

The stamp issuing policy of Portugal is on the conservative side, so there are not hundreds of new issues each year. The subject for most of the early sets includes history, famous leaders, cultural dress types and religion. The country is heavily Catholic, so religious representations are popular and well done. I also like the quality of the stamps both from a design and cultural perspective. You can learn a lot about the country and its people by collecting the stamps of Portugal.

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Putting More Fun in Philately!

Do you like a challenge? It's Stamp Collecting Month, a great time to think more about our hobby and how to increase our enjoyment. Starting this month, we will have a contest in the newsletter. Thanks go to **Bob Smith**, who sent me a puzzler, which is the first one in the new "Golden Tongs" competition. The question will be posed one month and the answer given the following month. All KPS members are encouraged to send me ideas for the challenge.

How do you win? After **Jim Pettway** emails the pdf version of the newsletter, you can email me your answer to tomwb50@aol.com. The first correct answer wins the "Golden Tongs" award, a certificate that will be presented at the next KPS meeting or mailed to you.



Don't miss the October KPS meeting. It is our annual members' auction – a copy of the auction form was in your September KPS News. We also will have a special guest, APS President, Mick Zais, who will meet, greet, and make a special presentation. There is a lot happening, and many opportunities to add to your collection. Future meetings will feature APS Circuit Sales books and many more stamps and covers newly added to the KPS stock by the Stamp Acquisition Committee!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Most people know that I am an archaeologist by trade and training. I got into this field in college after deciding physics, or rather courses on partial differential equations, really weren't for me. My parents were quietly appalled (as they told me years afterwards), but publicly supportive, and no doubt relieved that I found work in my field and have stayed employed for over 40 years. My archaeological fieldwork has been mostly in the Southeast, but also in many other parts of the country and in the Caribbean.

Do I collect stamps on the topic of archaeology as a result, though? Well, not yet, but that will undoubtedly change as I get more into the hobby. I collected books about archaeology for decades, and my professional library includes about 20,000 items, mostly technical works that only a specialist could love. Members of my family, in fact, tell me that archaeological technical and descriptive writing is a sure cure for insomnia, especially anything I write! I have, however, also collected novels that involve archaeology in some way, and have in fact written a technical paper on "Archaeology in Science Fiction and Mysteries" that you can get online by googling the title.



My favorite archaeology stamp shows Mesa Verde (Scott 743), part of the 1934 National Park Service series. While many places in the US and beyond have seen a lot of archaeology, I have no idea how many are on stamps. I guess I'll have to start a topical collection to find out!

Dave Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 6, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, for a regular monthly meeting. There were **28** members and two guests in attendance. Vice President **Bob Ceo** presided. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of August, 2016, the club had cash assets of \$14,586.22. Expenditure for the month were related to newsletter printing and stamp acquisitions. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were amended to reflect in the third paragraph that KPS does not yet have 501(c)(3) status.

Bob Smith reported that KnoxPEX 2017 plans are progressing, and **Bruce Roberts** is lining up dealers. **Bruce Roberts** (Stamp Acquisition Committee) announced that there is additional KPS stock, and volunteers are needed to sort, catalog, and mount new acquisitions. New stamps will be available for purchase beginning in mid-October. **Jim Pettway** (Communications Committee) said that the new website is still under construction and completion is anticipated in October.

Jim Pettway discussed donations from KPS to both the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. Motions were approved to give \$250 to APS and \$150 to ATA.

APS President, Mick Zais, will attend the October KPS meeting.

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Adjournment to speaker at 7:45 PM.

The program, given by **Lori Williams** was “KPS Facebook Page.”

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Williams, interim secretary

Stamp Collecting Month Auction – October 4

It's Stamp Collecting Month, and KPS will hold its traditional members-only auction on Tuesday night. **Jim Pettway** has emailed the auction form, and a copy was in the September KPS newsletter. Remember, all proceeds go to the seller, so don't be reluctant to put in a lot with a penny minimum – it might sell for your minimum or for many times more.

Please bring your lots early – as soon as 6:00 – so that they can be put on the tables for members to see. Unlike the KnoxPEX show auction, there is no auction catalog. Auctioneers **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead** will read from the auction lists that you provide.

Even if you are not selling or buying at the auction, don't miss the opportunity to meet new American Philatelic Society president, Mick Zais. He will speak and present a special award to a KPS member at the beginning of the meeting.

Upcoming Events

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October 4 – KPS monthly meeting – Stamp Collecting Month, live auction. Auction form in this KPS news. Visit by American Philatelic Society President, Mick Zais

October 22 – KPS Saturday meeting – shop and swap!

November 1– KPS monthly meeting – program – “Precancels” by **Stu Hanlein**

Stamp of the Month

Have you registered to vote in November's election? There is still time! This month's stamp, is a 5 cent U.S. commemorative that implores us all to both register and vote (Scott 1249). It was issued in August, 1964, prior to the landslide victory of Lyndon Johnson over Barry Goldwater. Remember: (1) register to vote), (2) vote, (3) collect stamps. These come from the KPS stock of used commemoratives.



What's Your Favorite Stamp?

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Israel #55 – 1952 – Menorah and emblems of the twelve tribes (**Rich Kaplan**)



Germany #93 – 1905 – allegory of union of North and South Germany (**Randy Haese**)



Great Britain #209 – 1929 – UPU Congress in London (**Len Curtis, Dick Odum**)



Japan #154 – 1916 – ceremonial hat, Prince Hirohito nomination as heir (**Steve Daunt**)



French Equatorial Africa #C37 – 1953 – Anhinga birds (**Mike Harrison**)



U.S. #397 – 1913 – Panama-Pacific International Exposition – Vasco Nuñez de Balboa (**Steve Lambson**)



French West Africa #C20 – 1954 – Baobab trees (**Gerald Schroedl**)



U.S. – 2016 – Star Trek (**Wes Hayes**)

Maybe these choices will inspire other KPS members to think about a favorite or a few. Enjoy!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 4

Is Philately Dying?

By Bob Smith

It seems that every philatelic publication I pick up these days is bemoaning the slow death of stamp collecting. From the *American Philatelist*, *Linn's Stamp News* to other trade journals, author after author, editor after editor, are quoting statistics pointing to the demise of our hobby.

The *American Philatelist* runs a monthly total of new members, which is a real ray of sunshine. The list of APS members who died within the past month reads like the results of a bus wreck. Current members who are still breathing are not all signing up. The total membership is dropping, dropping, dropping.

The statistic that pushed me over the edge and sent me to my computer to write this article came while reading Kelleher's Collectors Connection. APS Executive Director Scott English stated that, "there are as many APS members above the age of 90 as there are below the age of 40!" Let me pose a question to the KPS members. What were you doing when you were 35? Did you have lots of time to sit with your stamp collection, or were you like me working five, six and sometimes seven days a week to support a family? When I was busy working I didn't have a stamp collection, I had a "stamp closet." It was a small section of a bedroom closet that I would stash philatelic stuff in while telling my wife, "if I ever make it to retirement I'm going to have a lot of fun working on this stuff."

Let's now step away from the dire forecasts in the literature and look at a situation we can all measure with our own eyes, a stamp show. Oh boy, this is not going to be pretty. Close your eyes and mentally walk around the room at the last KnoxPEX show. Most of the stamp dealers are senior citizens, with a few senior-senior citizens. There are some younger dealers. In fact, one of the dealers is downright young! But yes, most of the stamp dealers are getting up there in age and will one day soon retire. Doesn't this prove the rule? Well no, I don't think it does and here's why:

The world of stamp collecting has more than kept pace with the 21st century. For every dollar spent at a stamp show I would bet one hundred dollars is spent on stamps on the internet. Not only are the Ebays of the world offering selling platforms for stamps, but all the big stamp auction houses now have live internet bidding at their auctions.

Let's look at this situation more closely. Most of you know that I am an internet stamp dealer. I sell on Ebay and Stamps2Go but there are dozens of other web-based platforms I could use if I wished. I have sent stamps to just about every state in the country and at least twenty foreign countries, and I'm not a big shot dealer.

Here's another interesting fact: about 40% of all my internet sales go to women! Women may make up a small percentage of membership in the APS and they certainly make up a small percentage of stamp clubs where I have been a member. They collect stamps quietly sitting at home. Even discounting that some web sales may be to men who use their wife's Ebay account, there is still a very healthy percentage of women buying philatelic items on line.

Finally, I would guess that for every stamp show dealer who retires after filling his minivan from the last show and, like Willy Loman, trudges home for the last time, there are ten or more new dealers sitting in their fuzzy slippers selling stamps to collectors on the internet.

PS. I wrote this article while sitting at home in my very own fuzzy slippers.

Golden Tong Challenge

From Bob Smith

What stamp shows Great Britain's Queen Mother participating in a sport? Email your answer to Tom Broadhead at tomwb50@aol.com.

Members in the News

By Tom Broadhead

KPS member, **Gerald Schroedl's** article, "French West African 1947 Pictorial Issue Maximum Cards," was published in the *France & Colonies Philatelist* (v. 73, no. 3, p. 67-72). Maximum cards typically show photographic images identical to or related to stamp designs and often have first day or other commemorative cancels. The example here shows a "Dakar Philatelie" cancel, dated March 29, 1952.



What's Your Favorite Stamp?

By Tom Broadhead

Philately can be a very isolating hobby, but clubs, like KPS, bring together collectors to share their varied interests. To help celebrate Stamp Collecting Month, an email (and a few reminders) has been sent to KPS members, asking what their "favorite" stamp is. Some responded without hesitation, whereas others have thought and thought before suggesting one. The stamps shown below don't necessarily reflect our members' collections, but show us how a stamp image and theme can attract our attention. From classic to modern, U.S. to foreign, each is a vivid representation of a nation's history and culture, and a KPS member's choice.



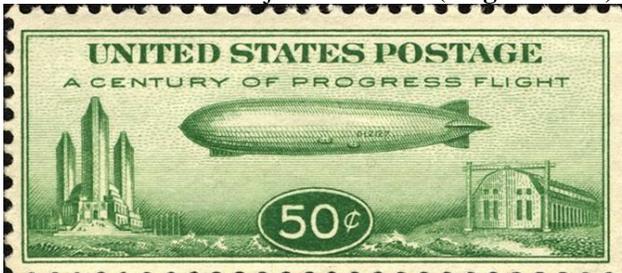
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U.S. #72 – 1861 – George Washington (**Bruce Roberts**).

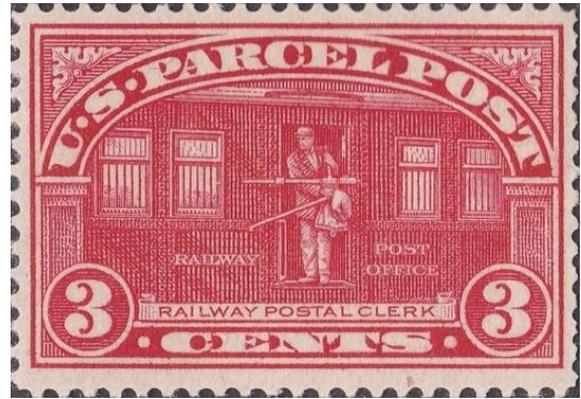


U.S. #73 – 1863 – Andrew Jackson (**Paul Hager**).

U.S. #300 – 1903 – Benjamin Franklin (**Hugh Russell**).



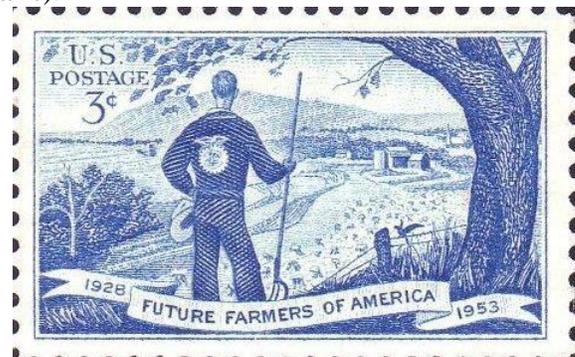
U.S. #C18 – 1933 – Graf Zeppelin and Chicago World's Fair (**Jim Pettway**).



U.S. #Q3 – 1913 – Railway Postal Clerk (**Warren Flynn**).



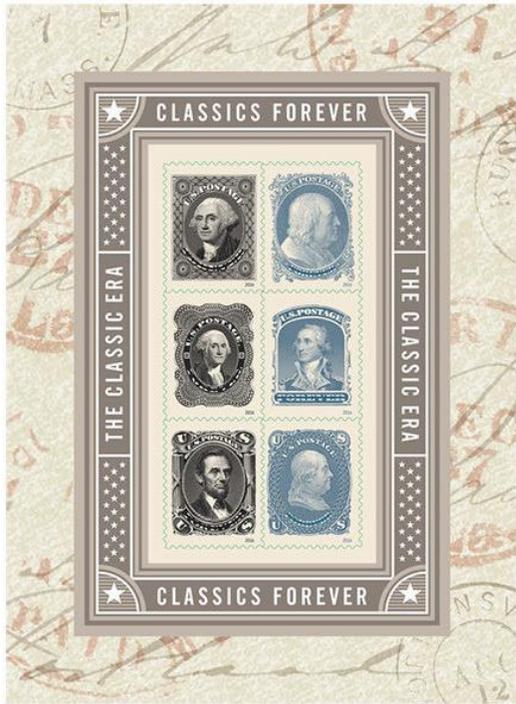
U.S. #1018 – 1953 – Ohio Sesquicentennial (**Thomas Lane**).



U.S. #1024 – 1953 – Future Farmers of America (**Mike Blankenship**).



U.S. #1193 – 1962 – Project Mercury (**Dave Anderson**).



U.S. – 2016 classic stamps sheet (**Dick Odum**)
Check your cachet to see which one you have.



Ecuador #C58 – 1938 – 150th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution (**Ralph Dinwiddie**)



Czechoslovakia #1636 – 1969 – Alfons Mucha, artist and stamp designer (**Lori Williams**)



Canada #158 – 1929 – schooner “Bluenose” (**Bob Smith, Art Meharg**)



Cuba #532-33 – 1954 – 1954 Christmas (**Scott English**)



France #C28 – 1949 – CITT conference and Alexander III bridge (**Tom Broadhead**)



France #1965 – 1985 – Valentine’s Day (**Bob Ceo**)

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Congratulations Bruce!

Last summer, KPS member Bruce Roberts received the Nicholas G. Carter Recognition Award for Local Promotion and Service to our hobby. The official announcement was made at the American Philatelic Society's StampShow in Portland, Oregon. But even better was the presentation to Bruce by APS President Mick Zais at the October KPS monthly meeting.



Bruce Roberts (left) receives the certificate for the Nicholas G. Carter Award from APS President Mick Zais.

Bruce is a founding member of our club, going back to 1980, when we started as the "Expo City Stamp Club." Beginning as a collector when he lived in Arkansas, Bruce became an active dealer, and for many years was bourse chair and dealer at our local KnoxPEX shows.

As a dealer, he has influenced many and guided them to our hobby. Most recently he has all but become a dealer again, as head of the KPS Stamp Acquisition Committee. Read more about Bruce's well-deserved APS award at <http://stamps.org/userfiles/file/minutes/Agenda/Portland2016/Committee-Report-Awards.pdf>

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It's hard to believe it has been 50 years since *Star Trek* first appeared on TV. Although I have never been to a convention, I am a big fan of the series, from the originals all the way through the most recent movies.

Back in those more innocent times if you contacted a show they often responded. I can't remember the details now, but I remember being thrilled when a revised final draft script showed up in the mail from the studio. Dated July 18, 1966, it was copy #5 for the episode "Balance of Terror" where the Enterprise played a game of cat-and-mouse with a cloaked Romulan war bird, a plot based on the movie "The Enemy Below," about WWII anti-submarine warfare. The actor who played the enemy commander, Mark Leonard, later played Spock's father Sarek in many later episodes.

It is fun watching the show and seeing which actors followed the script closely . . . not surprisingly, William Shatner deviated the most, but his ad libs made the plot even better. Fifty years on, the number of stamps being produced worldwide to celebrate the series is remarkable, and I particularly like the US and Canadian series. The US stamps are simple but elegant designs, while the Canadian series depict many of the actors; most, unfortunately, no longer with us. I suspect these stamps will be collected and used for a long time. As Spock would say, may they and all of us "Live Long and Prosper!"

Dave Anderson



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 4, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, for the regular monthly meeting and the Stamp Collecting Month live auction. There were 43 members and two guests in attendance. Vice President **Bob Ceo** presided.

Due to the club auction, a brief business session was held. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report showing a total of \$9,791.33 in the club accounts was approved.

A special guest was **Mick Zais**, APS President from Columbia SC. Mick spoke of his living in Knoxville during an early part of his life. He commended KPS as being "one of, if the most, active and vibrant" of the 480 APS chapters. Special recognition was in order as Mick presented **Bruce Roberts** the APS "2016 Service to Local Stamp Clubs" award.

Bruce Roberts reported that the club had sold about \$1,700 of inventory through the APS circuit books. None of these proceeds have been received. **Dave Icov** was presented with the White Plains Souvenir Sheet which he won as part of the KPS membership drive. APS president Mick Zais was given a \$250 check as a KPS contribution to the APS.

Following the business session, the annual KPS auction was held. There were many lots sold and this annual event was enjoyed by all.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Acting Secretary

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

Annual dues are \$15.00.

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Lots were inspected with care and bidding numbers went up during the KPS live auction. Photos by **Jim Pettway**.

Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

- November 1– KPS monthly meeting – program – “Precancels” by **Stu Hanlein**
- November 19 – KPS Saturday meeting – place TBA
- November 29 – KPS Third Tuesday meeting – shop and swap!
- December 6 – KPS monthly meeting – program – TBA

Stamp of the Month

We haven't had a frost, yet, and flowers are still blooming. This month's stamp is the 1 koruna value showing a cyclamen from a floral series of the Czech Republic (Scott 3345)..These are a donation from **Bob Ceo** and **Lori Williams** from their trip last summer.



It's All in the Details

By Randy Haese

As with the stamps of many countries, German stamps have been widely forged, beginning with the German States and continuing to this day with current issues. Forged types include design forgeries, trimmed perforated stamps offered as imperforate, fake cancels, backdated real cancels and fake covers.

Being a collector of the Germany area, I have an interest in being able to identify forgeries, especially of the States issues. Most early forgeries are easily detectable, but others are quite good. And, very disturbing are contradictions that sometimes arise among expertising entities. I have been collecting and translating a small library of this material for some time and am in the process of summarizing it and testing the summary against a growing library of high resolution BPP (Bund Philatelischer Prüfer) certified stamps. While doing so, I'm also preparing "short" articles on the current subject matter for the KPS newsletter and longer ones to put on our web site.

The following study of the first issues of the city state of Hamburg represents a compilation and consolidation of works by many recognized experts (Billig, Bohne, Bynof, Oppitz, Serraine, Schloss) and application of those results to high-resolution images of BPP-certified stamps. Additional information was obtained from the Michel catalog. Examples of a genuine stamp (lower left) (Scott 1, Michel 1) and a perforated stamp (lower right) (Scott 13, Michel 10) that is a forgery are shown here. Genuine perforated stamps were printed from the same plates as genuine ones, so the details I mention here apply to both. There are many differences between genuine and forged designs, but I emphasize the most obvious.



General:

- Inscription scrolls are generally centrally located, equal distance from outlines, but the top scroll is slightly right-of-center.
- The upper scroll is about twice the distance from the upper frame line as the lower scroll is to the bottom frame line.
- None of the letters of either scroll touch each other.

“Hamburg” scroll:

- There are three lines of shading at each end of the scroll.
- There are eight shading lines at each end in the loops of the scroll.
- The cross-bar of the “H” is centrally placed.
- The foot-strokes of the “H” are slightly separated, typically showing a dot between them.
- There can be two small dots following the “G.”

“Postmarke” scroll:

- There is one straight line of shading in the lower scroll, to the left of the “P.”
- There is a faint indication of a shading line in the lower scroll after the “E.”
- There are eight lines of shading in the left-hand loop.
- The lower scroll is very near to the inner bottom frame, but does not touch it.
- Left side of the top of the “T” is detached.
- There is a dot in front of the foot stroke of “P” near the shading line.
- The decoration line below the scroll is broken between the “R” and “K.”

Left of Frame Value inscription:

- The “E” of “Ein” does not touch the trident- The “h” and “b” of “halber” have long top-strokes.



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- The “a” of “halber” has a distinct tail that is nearly half as tall as the letter itself.
- The “l” of “halber” has a very long top-stroke.
- The “r” of shaped ornament below it.
- “halber” is well clear of the trident-shaped ornament.

Right of Frame denomination inscription:

- The “S” does not touch the trident-shaped ornament above it.
- The top stroke of the first “l” in “Schilling” is broken.
- The large dot over the “S” of “Schilling” is separated from both the line and the trident.

Inside the Framework:

- The cross on top of dome does not touch the scroll.
- The top of the cross is open at the left.
- A thin vertical line joins point of star to right hand tower.

Some of the quickest and easiest visual aspects of this stamp identifying it as a forgery are: paper color; letters in the upper scroll are joined; the “E” of “Ein” and the “S” of “Schilling” are not free-standing. One can certainly trust that modern forgeries will be/are much more sophisticated!

KPS Auction Nets Profits for Members

By Thomas Lane

Each year, KPS holds a live auction at the October monthly meeting to commemorate Stamp Collecting Month. This year, 36 members registered to bid on items that 13 members put up for bid. Twenty-four members bought 53 lots out of the 80 offered and paid the happy sellers a total of \$854.00. For photos of the action, see page 2!

Welcome New Members!

By Jim Pettway

KPS added two new members at the October monthly meeting. **Tommy Campbell** comes to us from Rogersville, TN. **Mick Zais**, from Columbia, SC, is also President of the American Philatelic Society. Both came as guests to the meeting and left as new members.

KPS Holiday Lunch – December 10

The annual KPS holiday celebration this year will be a lunch at Calhouns on the River on Saturday December 10th. Join fellow KPS members and their spouses/guests for a great meal and the traditional

gift exchange. The cost per member is \$8.30 with tax and gratuity and for each guest is \$18.30. We will need to receive the funds by no later than the end of the regular monthly meeting Tuesday December 6th.

Golden Tongs Challenge

We have yet to find a winner of the first “Golden Tongs” challenge, and only two KPS members ventured possibilities. **Nick Stone** suggested the stamp of Redonda (a small island in the Caribbean that is part of Antigua). The stamp does show the Queen Mother with one of her racing horses, but she is not riding it!



Bob Interbitzen suggested a Russian stamp from the 2014 Sochi Olympics. It's a great image, but unfortunately shows Queen Elizabeth II, not the Queen Mother.



Here's the puzzler, again. A hint is that Nick's choice was close, geographically. “What stamp shows Great Britain's Queen Mother participating in a sport?” Email your answer to **Tom Broadhead** at tomwb50@aol.com.

Members in the News

By Tom Broadhead

Two weeks ago, I heard a familiar voice on the local news and saw an interview with KPS member **Steve Stowe**, who is involved with the Farragut Museum. Farragut is a large town in West Knox County, and is named for Civil War Union Admiral, David Farragut, who was born in the area in 1801. Pay a visit to the museum and learn more on the web at <http://www.townoffarragut.org/186/Farragut-Museum>.

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To Know KPS is to Love KPS

This has been a record year for our club. Membership has risen to 120, and 16 are from states other than Tennessee, including Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Of those, 7 are former Knoxville area members who kept their membership for many years after moving out of state. Only 46 of our Tennessee members are from Knox County, and we have concentrations of members who regularly attend meetings driving from more than an hour away in Crossville and Johnson City (see the article by KPS Membership Chair, **Jim Pettway** on p. 4).

KPS members continue to find new ways to enhance our activities and further develop existing ones. Bringing stamps to our members is not just through the traditional swapping and trading, but we receive APS circuit sales books for each meeting, and the Stamp Acquisition Committee has more than \$400,000 catalog value of stamps in stock for members to purchase.

We have boosted our education programs, including monthly programs at club meetings and free admission and our educational exhibits at KnoxPEX each year. This year, we have added public outreach and information through our Facebook page, moderated by **Lori Williams**. Soon to appear will be our new website, which will include informative articles on a wide range of topics – with free access to the public.

Attention has been brought to KPS in the philatelic press. We have been mentioned this year in the *American Philatelist* by APS President **Mick Zais** and APS Executive Director **Scott English** – both KPS members – and by APS Chief Operating Officer Ken Martin. Newsletter content is mentioned each quarter in *Topical Times*, the journal of the American Topical Association.

It's been a great year, and I love our club. What new collecting opportunities will we see in 2017?



Tom Broadhead

President's Column

As I get more into stamp collecting, I find I accumulate more and more duplicate stamps, in some cases many years mounted into albums from countries where I bought collections, just for the opportunity to get key stamps at a great price. Once I have transferred the stamps I want, what do I do with the rest? I suspect this is a problem many of us have.



Monaco C16 – What did FDR do with his duplicates?

I brought this up to members of the Stamp Acquisition Committee, and I have enjoyed discussions with **Bruce Roberts**, **Bob Smith**, and others. Should we donate our extra stamps to KPS? Another possibility is to trade them with other KPS members. Perhaps the KPS web site could set up a “trader’s column” where we can note what we have to trade. Or perhaps the Stamp Acquisition Committee might take them for sale in exchange for a credit. Given how low the prices are for many stamps in the KPS inventory and the time it takes to work up new material, few stamps would be worth more than 5-10% of catalog. Indeed, the fact that the club currently sells all stamps cataloging under a dollar in our nickel lots indicates any stamps acquired for sale to KPS members would have to either be high in value or include complete sets, to even make them worth considering acquiring.

The Stamp Acquisition Committee, with approval of the board and membership, decides how to pursue that activity, and they have done a superb job. Most of us would happily trade 1000 or even 5000 average stamps for a single high dollar item, but such a policy would wipe out the better stamps in our inventory quickly, if you have even a fraction of the stamps I've accumulated! What do you think about all this? Let us know your thoughts!

Dave Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 1, 2016

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, for the regular monthly meeting. There were 36 members in attendance. Vice President **Bob Ceo** presided. President **Dave Anderson** will return to meetings next month.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report showing a total of \$8,799 in the club accounts was approved. Thomas also reported that the club's 501(c)(3) tax exempt application has been submitted.

The Facebook page will be structured so that KPS members can post, through Lori Williams, and the page will be viewable by the public. **Bruce Roberts** reported that \$12,000 retail priced stamps have been put in APS circuit sales books, and the club has sold about \$1,700 to date.

Bob Smith reported that KnoxPEX 2017 preparations are moving forward, and all dealer tables, but one, have been sold. **Tom Broadhead** reported that approval has been received from the family of Pat Summitt and the Pat Summitt Foundation for us to have her as the theme for the show.

Following adjournment at 7:22, **Lori Williams** gave a philatelic quiz, which had everyone guessing. **Stu Hanlein's** talk on precancels will be November 29.

Respectfully Submitted: John Smartt, Secretary

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting – November 1, 2016

The executive board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, November 1 for a regular meeting. There were eight members in attendance. Vice President **Bob Ceo** presided.

Thomas Lane stated that application has been made for KPS 501(c)(3) status. No timeframe for notification of completion by the IRS is available. Thomas reported that the December 10, 2016, Holiday Lunch, at Calhoun's by the River, will be the BBQ buffet, \$8.30 for members, \$18.30 for guests. The time is 11 am to 2 pm.

Bob Smith stated that all but one KnoxPEX 2017 dealer table has been presold for next year. A discussion of our Facebook page included public, non-member access. Currently it is members only access due to liability concerns.

Adjournment at 6:39 PM

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, secretary

KPS Holiday Lunch – December 10

The KPS holiday celebration will be at Calhoun's on the River (400 Neyland Drive, Knoxville, 37902), at 11 am, Saturday December 10th. Join fellow KPS members and spouses/guests for a great meal and the traditional gift exchange. The cost per member is \$8.30 and for each guest is \$18.30. Please pay in advance no later than the end of the regular monthly meeting Tuesday December 6th. Bring a gift to exchange (philatelic or non-philatelic) – not more than \$5.

Upcoming Events

If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know. Check **Jim Pettway's** KPS 2017 calendar (enclosed) for next year's important dates.

- November 29 – KPS Fifth Tuesday meeting – Shop and swap!
- December 6 – KPS monthly meeting – program – “Precancels” by **Stu Hanlein**
- December 10 – KPS Holiday Lunch – 11am – 2pm – Calhoun's on the River. Please prepay by the December 6 meeting.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, honoring our nation and one of its founders, is the Jefferson Memorial ten cent coil (Scott 1520) of 1974. These come from the KPS stock of stamps accumulated over many years.



Jean Moulin – a 20th Century Joan of Arc, and a Tribute to Beverly Rice

By Tom Broadhead

On August 21, 2009, I received an email from **Beverly Rice**, a collector in Marietta, GA, who was a high school friend of our late member dealer, **Bill Muenzer**. Bev was interested in French stamps, and Bill made the connection with me. Bev and I became close philatelic pen pals. I met her at Southeastern Stamp Expo, and she joined KPS, exhibiting the World War II issues of Dulac. We learned a lot from each other, and I encouraged her to exhibit and write about Jean Moulin, an important member and martyr of the French Resistance during World War II. Sadly, Bev passed away in March of 2012. Even though she never attended a KPS meeting, she brought a lot to the club, sponsoring and financially supporting 5 of our members to join the American Topical Association.

I obtained part of her collection, through the help of KPS dealer member **Dr. Don Richter**, and am adding to it with the intent to exhibit. This short article is my first venture, and it is a tribute to Bev, who introduced me to the stamps and legacy of Jean Moulin.

Jean Moulin was born on June 20, 1899 in the town of Béziers in southern France. He entered politics as a teenager, joining the General Council of the Department of Herault and followed in his father's footsteps as a member of the Radical Party. He was a political prodigy, becoming the nation's youngest prefect (national government representative) of Aveyron, and in 1939 to that position in the famous city of Chartres.

After the outbreak of World War II, German forces took Chartres on June 17, 1940. Moulin was identified as a resistance leader and was imprisoned, beaten, and required to sign a false statement about French army atrocities, which he refused. In despair, he tried to commit suicide by slitting his throat, but was revived and later released. His signature photo is one where he wears a scarf, which covered the scar on his neck, and that image appears on the most recent stamp (Scott 3684-3685, 2009).



Subsequently, Moulin increased his involvement in the resistance movement, coordinating efforts throughout the country and making trips to England to meet Charles de Gaulle. Following his last return to France, he was arrested in Lyon on June 21, 1943, along with other Resistance leaders, by the Gestapo, led by the infamous Klaus Barbie ("The Butcher of Lyon"). Details of Moulin's torture and death are lacking, but he is believed to have been killed in Metz, while being taken to Germany.

The philatelic history of the French Resistance is enormous, and Moulin, alone, has been commemorated by two additional stamps, numerous commemorative cancels, and a naval ship of the corvette class – for which there are many naval cachets (the ship's decommissioning cachet below).



The first stamp showing his image (Scott 826, below left) was issued in 1957 in the first set of French stamps honoring martyrs of the Resistance. The second (Scott 1779, below right) was issued in 1981 to commemorate the 1964 interment of ashes believed to be his in the Pantheon, the mausoleum to French heroes and notables.



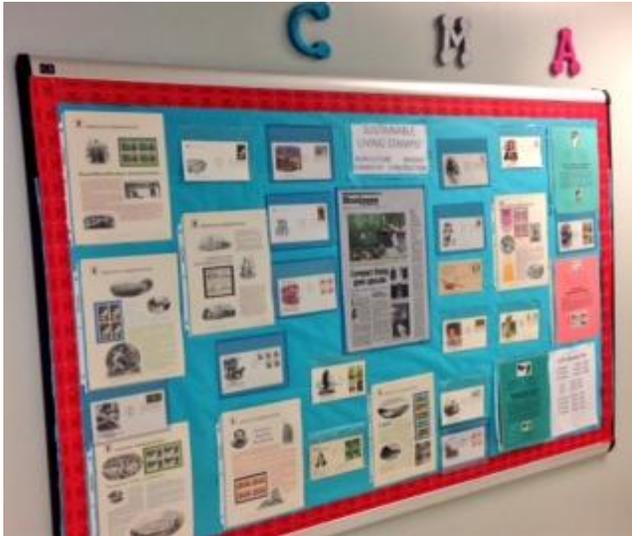
I have a lot of work ahead to create a one frame exhibit and maybe a longer article. One of the many gifts we give each other in our hobby is knowledge, and I am excited to be going on a new philatelic search to understand more about Jean Moulin and the French Resistance. Thanks, Bev!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 6

School Outreach

By Mike Blankenship

The collection on the board is a display for National Stamp Collecting Month. It consists of stamps, cacheted covers, and US Postal Service information sheets. All were arranged and mounted by students at Knox County Schools' Career Magnet Academy's (<http://knoxschools.org/careermagnet>) Sustainable



Living program. The themes include sustainable agriculture, building structures, and architecture for sustainable design. The center is an article from the *Knoxville News Sentinel* on tiny houses – sustainable and comfortable!

I thank (and blame) this collection on **Stu Hanlein** and his persistence on making opportunities available to club members concerning stamps of all kinds. Just kidding, he really is a supportive stamp collector!

Dues are Due – Membership Update

By Jim Pettway

It's membership renewal time for the Knoxville Philatelic Society. This year our membership topped out at 120 members, an increase of 35 over 2015!. Would you believe that nearly 15% of our membership lives outside of Tennessee? What we need today is retention of members. Those of you who joined the KPS in 2016 and those members who have been supporting the club for many years, we want you to continue your membership into 2017 and beyond. Our club has shown consistent growth in the past years which is not the norm for stamp clubs, as reported in many stamp news publications. We are the exception and offer exceptional benefits to

members, above all, educational programs and STAMPS!

Enclosed with your December KPS News is a Membership Renewal Form. Complete and return your form by December 31 and pay just \$12.00. That's a 20% discount from the regular dues of \$15.00. Believe me, the full color KPS News that you are reading cost more than a dollar a month to print and mail. So why wait? File out the form and put your payment in the mail today or bring it to the December meeting.

Golden Tongs Challenge – Winner!

Nick Stone did not give up, and following the hint in the November KPS News, found the stamp. It is Grenada 1299, commemorating the 85th birthday of the Queen Mother Elizabeth, showing her elegantly dressed and shooting pool. Nick will receive his Golden Tongs certificate at the next KPS meeting.



Thanks to Bob Smith for this puzzler. Do you have a challenge to pose to KPS members? Email your puzzler to **Tom Broadhead** at tomwb50@aol.com.

Members in the News

By Tom Broadhead

Last January, I was invited to give a talk at AmeriStamp Expo about the historical and cultural importance of stamp images. *American Philatelist* editor, Jay Bigalke heard my talk and asked me to write for that magazine's October, stamp collecting month issue. I was surprised and delighted to also read Jay's commentary and see my article featured on the cover.

