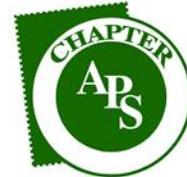


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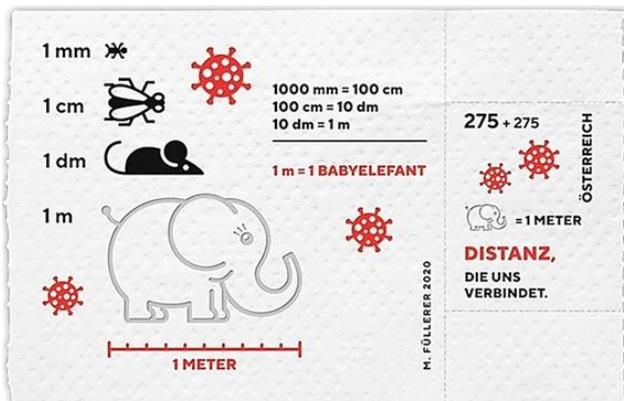
By Tom Broadhead

The Covid-19 pandemic, through which all of us have suffered in one way or another, has inspired a wide range of philatelic offerings and collecting opportunities. Some stamps are sobering reflections of front-line workers and their struggles, including the stamp at right from Iran, one of the first issues.



Others have taken more of a symbolic approach, such as the masked Penny Black stamp from Mozambique at left.

Austria created a very different stamp (below), printed on toilet tissue, with reminders about social distancing – remember – stay two baby elephants apart! And, it's a worthwhile primer on the metric system! The stamp is the part at the right of this semi-postal, 275+275 eurocents. Is it lick and stick?



The USS Bonefish and Submarine Cover Collecting

By Mike Downs

To understand my collecting interest in covers with submarine cachets, a brief look into some of my life experiences is needed. In 1970, the Vietnam War was still going hot and heavy with 200 casualties a week. I was newly married to Carol, a recent graduate of Indiana University, and with my draft notice in hand I enlisted in the Navy. I spent boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois in the dead of a very cold winter then completed “A School” in Pensacola, Florida graduating as a “Communications Technician – Collection Branch” and a third class petty officer crow (CTR3). I was soon on my way to Okinawa, part of the Ryukyu Island chain, where I was assigned to the Naval Security Group located at Hanza. After two years of listening to Communist Chinese, as part of North Sea Fleet naval communications, I qualified for a “spec op” team that was assigned to the Tsingtao (now Qingdao) area with a possible run into the Po Hai (now Bo Hai) Gulf if conditions warranted. After a “psych review,” our six man team was sent to pick up the USS Bonefish (SS-582) in Yokosuka, Japan and I was off on my little adventure. (see map below)



Map showing locations of Bo Hai Gulf, Qingdao, Okinawa, and Yokosuka.

The Bonefish was one of the last “fast attack” diesel submarines built before the Navy went to all nuclear boats (and yes submarines are called BOATS). There are basically two types of subs. The “boomers” are the ones that carry the nuclear-tipped missiles and go on patrol for six months at a time. The “fast attacks” frequently are called the hunter killer boats and are armed with nuclear-tipped torpedoes. Our team took over the “radio shack” from the boat’s radioman, and this is where we basically lived while working twelve hours on and twelve off while “hot racking” with our relief. (Most sailors smoked while on board, if you can imagine that.) Meals were served every four hours if we really wanted to eat that much and being diesel powered, the sub was always loud and very smelly. There were over 100 members of the crew while the sub was designed for eighty-five with extra food stored in the enlisted shower. After almost three weeks on station, the submarine experienced a severe navigational control malfunction and we were forced to pull off station and return to Japan, riding the surface at about five knots. While it was a very slow trip home, we were allowed frequent visits to the conning tower to get some fresh air and see the sun. One of the most pleasant experiences I had during this time was to observe a school of dolphins that were jumping and diving alongside the boat for extended periods of time.



The *USS Bonefish* SS-582 ready to put to sea.

We arrived back on Okinawa after being away at sea for a couple of months and it was during this time period that I picked up my first sub cachet and along with my Ryukyu Islands stamps I returned to a hobby that I first started as a teenager. One learns early on that there are three cacheted covers made for every new construction submarine; one when the keel is first laid, a second when the boat is launched and a third at the commissioning ceremonies. Additionally, there are covers from regular mailings, special exercise covers and covers that a cachet maker might create using a submarine for a special topic.

[Editor’s note: Are you ready to see some cachets? Catch the second part of Mike’s article in the February KPS News!]

Experience from the Trenches-Gum on US Flat Plate Printed and Rotary Press Printed Stamps

By Bruce Roberts

Recently, I was dismayed to find that a group of nice US stamps KPS purchased in an auction were not what the cards that contained them said they were. And telling the problem with their descriptions was just a matter of flipping them over and examining the gum!

The stamps in question were all marked as being from the 1922 US regular issue, Scott #551-573. This series was printed using Flat Plates. The stamps are very finely detailed, have beautiful color, and were perforated 11x11. The Flat Plate process is discontinuous, that is, each sheet of 400 subjects (or 200 subjects for the dollar values) was fed individually into the press, retrieved when the printed images were made, and then gummed in a later step. The paper came from stacked sheets, each perfectly flat before and after printing.

Later, the stamps from 1 cent to 50 cents were printed again, using the Rotary Press. These are Scott #581-591 (perf 10), 632-642 and 692-701 (perf 11x10.5). The rotary press process was continuous, with the paper starting as a huge roll and the paper running out between printing plates affixed to a drum, so the paper moved very rapidly from the paper roll through the press and then through a gumming step. When all this was completed, the sheets were cut from the roll and then separated into 100 stamp panes that were sent to post offices.

Problems began to appear early in the Rotary Press process. The paper, which had been rolled up on the source roll, began to roll up again when put into the clerk’s drawers in the post office. Added to this was the problem local printers had in trying to print a pre-cancel onto the sheets of stamps, because they would not lie flat. The culprit was found to be the gum, whose tension differed from the paper and tended to accelerate the pull toward curvature. The solution was to “break up” the gum tension, in two ways.

The first was a gum rake, a metal appliance with teeth that pulled small valleys down the gum. This reduced the tension by isolating the gum as tiny strips rather than one continuous surface. The second was the gum breaker, applied by a roller or rollers, mashing down on the newly gummed stamps, breaking the tension perpendicular to that of the gum rake. This combination allowed the rotary press printed stamps to lie flat in post office drawers and to allow the printing of pre-cancels. But the alteration of the gum also gave to the stamps a visual sign of how they were printed.

The Canadian post office transitioned from Flat Plate to Rotary Press printing about the same time and used the gum breaker-gum rake process as well.



The visual appearance of gum rakes - no flat plate printed stamp ever has these on the back.



Canadian stamps - the top three and the middle stamp on the bottom were printed by Flat Plate and their gum is flat and undisturbed. The other stamps show gum rakes and gum breakers found only on Rotary Press printings.



Different types of gum breakers used by the US over time. Early rollers had up to 7 bars used to impress the breakers. Later rollers spread out the bars, so stamps might have only one or two bars on a stamp. Specialists

try to get all the breaker patterns that exist on each stamp. One clue to a counterfeit Kansas-Nebraska overprint is if it has more than one breaker bar, it is a fake.

To return to my first paragraph, the auction house personnel need only have flipped over the stamps in question and they could have seen at a glance that they were not printed on a flat plate press. ALWAYS do this if you are considering purchasing or working up stamps from the mid 1910s to 1930s. Flat Plate stamps from this period are generally more valuable because they were produced in smaller quantities. As always buyer beware! Who knows, you may find some filed in the opposite direction and pick up a much more valuable stamp at a lower price!

Expand Your Facebook Presence for KPS

By Michele Bresso

Connecting with your Knoxville Philatelic Society friends, learning about postal history, and finding answers to your stamp questions . . . these are the benefits to each of us when we post, read and respond to information on the KPS Facebook page.

Our KPS page is found by going to facebook.com and typing in “Knoxville Philatelic Society” into the “Search Facebook” window. You can also get to the KPS Facebook page by going to this link: www.facebook.com/groups/1013528435427467. The KPS Facebook page is a Public Group, meaning that others outside KPS can read comments, but only KPS members can post their own. Fifty-five people are members of the KPS Facebook page, although only a dozen post regularly.

In recent posts, **Wes Hayes** shared a photo of the Germany stock book he is organizing for KPS members. The image showed stock book pages filled to overflowing with stamps ready to find a home in a member’s stamp album. Wes also posted a photo of a stamp with a call out to others to help him identify it.

Lori Williams, under her Facebook handle Philatelic Lori, shared a post of a Netherlands stamp collector trying to determine whether the stamp pictured was a variant or a duplicate of a striking 1899 Netherlands stamp with banknote details. (below)



Jim Pettway used the KPS Facebook page to ask for members' assistance in viewing USPS computer vended postage stamps so that he could update his collection of those stamp varieties. Meanwhile, **David Anderson** proudly posted a photo of the latest additions to his Switzerland collection.

Besides sharing and seeking information, the KPS Facebook page allows us to include others in our conversations as a way to build up the KPS membership. Messages go further into the Facebook universe when we link or "tag" other Facebook users in our posts. We can also share our posts in other Facebook groups. This is especially helpful in getting out the word about KnoxPEX coming up in March 2021.

If you're already on the list of users of the KPS Facebook page, take a moment to visit the page at the link above and post something about your collection or about a stamp you're hoping to find. If you're new to Facebook, here's a link to a beginner's guide: <https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/how-to-use-facebook>. You're encouraged to join the KPS Facebook users to share information, seek advice and do what we all do best: talk about the stamps we love!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Financial Report

By Thomas Lane

At the end of November 2020, cash assets were \$25,447.17. Receipts for the month were \$871.53 and the outgo was \$72.10 for a net flow of \$799.43.

KPS Meetings

There was no regular KPS meeting in December, and the holiday lunch was canceled.

Upcoming Events

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January 5 – KPS monthly meeting on Zoom. Program by APS President Bob Zeigler about the philately of Switzerland.

March 6-7 – **KnoxPEX 2021**

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Philately in the Time of Corona

(with apologies to Gabriel Garcia Marquez)

It is not difficult to see the immediate changes that the novel coronavirus COVID19 has imposed on us and our society – face masks, on-line ordering, limited or no social gatherings, working from home – to name a few. As stamp collectors, we have not had a live KPS meeting since March 2, 2020. That was also the last time that members had a chance to see the KPS stock in person. Similarly, most of us have not been able to see a dealer's stock in person since KnoxPEX 2020 on March 7-8. Since that time, most live stamp shows have been canceled. Even the American Philatelic Society headquarters was closed for two months. My in-person interactions with other KPS members have all involved masked hand-offs in parking lots and driveways.

The pandemic has not, however, canceled stamp collecting – far from it! Interest in stamp collecting has increased as people, forced to stay at home, have developed new interests. Online philatelic sales, which were already strong, have reportedly increased. Live stamp shows have been replaced by virtual stamp shows. Online talks, presentations, and virtual symposia are now available. While KPS has not been able to have live meetings, we have held meetings using ZOOM that include presentations by KPS members. While these digital and virtual tools were already in existence, the pandemic has only accelerated their use. These tools will continue to be used even after the pandemic is history; we will be able to see exhibits at stamp shows, attend symposia, and purchase stamps, all without leaving home. (If you have not participated in a KPS ZOOM meeting, I encourage you to do so. While there is no opportunity to shop for stamps, the meetings have been entertaining and informative and provide an opportunity for social interaction.)

Plans are underway for KnoxPEX 2021 to be held at Rothchild's Conference Center on March 6-7. Plans include both live and virtual aspects. The live portion will happen so long as it can be held in accordance with Knox County Health requirements on social gatherings. The facility is larger than previously used and will allow for better social distancing. In addition, it is hoped that many members can be vaccinated and feel safe while attending. Many dealers have already paid deposits and are planning to participate in the bourse. The virtual aspects will include three classes of exhibits and presentations. Plans also include a cachet and cancel which have already been designed. Hopefully with the availability of vaccines, the pandemic will be a thing of the past, but KPS will provide even more opportunities for stamp collectors.

Brent Marquand

KPS President

The USS Bonefish and Submarine Cover Collecting (part 2)

By Mike Downs

I decided early on to limit my collecting interest to the diesel boats that had served our country. (Today, diesel boat crewmen look at themselves almost as an elite few and can still be found wearing "Diesel Boats Forever" hats and T-shirts.) Even then, I would still be collecting over 1,700 cachets, some of them now getting quite rare and expensive. As a result, I further narrowed my interest to specializing in the numerous cachets that had been issued for the two different submarines that had carried the Bonefish name.

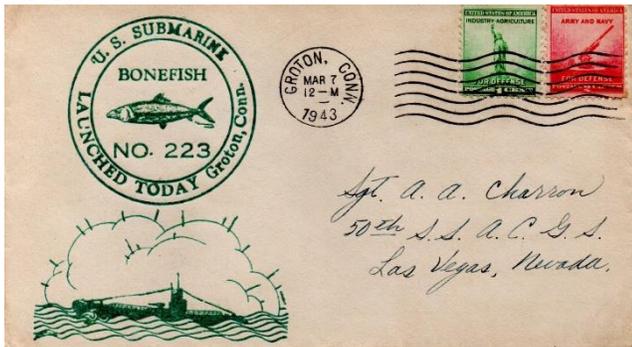
The first *Bonefish* was a Gato class fast attack (SS-223) built by the Electric Boat Company and commissioned in May 1943. It made eight war patrols during W. W. II but was sunk in the Sea of Japan, with a loss of all hands, in June 1945. Covers showing the

keel laying, launching, and commissioning of the first *Bonefish* are shown below.



Cachet dated June 25, 1942, commemorating the laying of the keel for the first *USS Bonefish* (SS-223), which saw action in World War II.

Submarines and other ships were celebrated during their construction, launching, and commissioning into service.



Cachet dated March 7, 1943 to mark the launch of the *USS Bonefish*.



Cachet dated May 31, 1943 commemorating the commissioning of the *USS Bonefish*.

The boat I served on (SS-582) was a Barbel class sub, constructed in 1957 and commissioned in July 1959. As far as I have been able to learn, there were not any early cachets while she was being built. I have numerous ones, however, that show different cachets reflecting her history. The cover above at right shows her logo.



The cancel on this cover shows that we were in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Submarine Base.

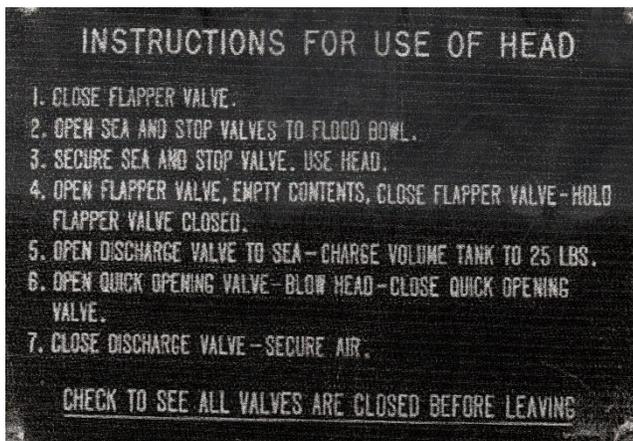


The sub participated in a joint exercise with the guided missile destroyer, *USS Dewey* on a South American tour.



This cachet was signed by the captain during my time aboard the vessel.

The last image I share for your edification shows a sign with directions given to all coming aboard on the proper use of the head. (Note – a head is a navy term for a toilet.)



There are thousands of submarine covers available for collecting, and they are relatively inexpensive. Several private mail auctions offer items for sale as well as the Universal Ship Cancellation Society that lists cover auctions in every edition of their monthly U.S.C.S. Log publication. There have been a few dealers at KnoxPEX that have ship cachets. Of course, I would be more than happy to share information about my collection. Who knows? Maybe I can get you HOOKED.

Diesel Boats Forever!

APS Circuit Book Update: 2015-2020 – 5 Years of Success!

By Bruce Roberts

One way we sell stamps that have been in the KPS inventory for a while is to mount them in American Philatelic Society circuit books and sell them on the APS circuits. We began this effort in 2015, and the data presented below come from the APS worksite, with additional analysis by me.

To review the process: We keep a record of our stamps (catalog \$5.00 and up) in Excel Spreadsheets, one for US stamps and one for all our foreign stamps. The entries include the day and time the stamp or set was added to the inventory. After a reasonable period of time has passed (6 months to a year) for KPS members to have viewed the stamp, seen it in the published inventory on the website, and ordered it if they could not purchase at a meeting, the stamp is eligible to be put into a circuit book. Duplicates and all stamps in 102 cards in our non-electronic inventory are also considered eligible.

I prepare an APS Circuit book and pull out the stamps. The data in the inventory excel sheet are cut and pasted into a sheet recording the book's contents. The book is assembled following APS rules: everything in catalog order, total retail between \$35 and \$600. When all the stamps have been pulled and the cards containing the

stamps are in order in the book, I pass the book on to a stamp mounter. There is much to know to do this job well, which I won't cover here. Over the last 5 years, 11 different KPS members have done at least one book, but the vast majority of the mounting has been done by **Mike Downs** (below), including all 70 books this year!



Once mounted, the book is mailed to the APS. They then add the book to their circuits, and the book is sent out on a circuit of about 8 members at a time. The books return and are sent again to a new circuit. This continues for 18 months, or until the remaining stamps in the book have a total retail of less than \$10.00. The book is then retired and returned to KPS. APS takes a 20% commission on the sales to pay for administration, mailing, and insurance. KPS receives a check 3-5 times a year for the net due to us for sales over several months.

Results:

- Since late 2015, we have sent 310 circuit books to APS, including 70 books in 2020.
- Total Catalog Value sent to the APS (2015 not known) is \$268,773.
- Total Retail for the stamps in the books is \$49,808.
- Total Sales through end of December 2020 is \$24,255 (48.7%).
- There are, of course, many books still at APS, either on circuit or in their inventory. Looking at results just for books that have been retired or, in three cases, lost, we see the following: 238 books have completed their run. Total retail in those books was \$36,498. Total Sales \$19,340. Percentage sold = 54%

I tallied the following amounts in the subsets of books in this completed group.

Book Type	Retail	Sales	% Sold
US Books of All Kinds	\$14,850.10	\$8,928.00	60.13
19 th Cent. US incl Officials	5,623.00	3,800.00	67.59

United Nations (5 books)	331.55	264.00	79.63
Animals	1,690.00	727.85	43.06
Flora	409.60	156.75	38.27
Transportation	1,188.10	750.20	63.14
Art	160.20	112.05	69.94
Sports incl. Olympics	406.35	157.25	38.70
Space (3 books)	168.65	84.85	50.31

When books return from APS, we mark 50% off on the books and they are taken to KPS meetings where members can now buy at half the previous prices. After a year, the remaining returned books are bundled together and sold as one or more lots in the KnoxPEX auction.

Considering gross sales, minus APS commissions and sales of retired books to KPS members and at KnoxPEX, KPS has netted about \$21,150. This is at least as much as we could have gotten auctioning the stamps, we have helped many APS members add stamps to their collections, and we have returned a significant amount to our treasury to purchase new stamps.

I hope when it is possible for members to come to my house for training, that we can get more volunteers to assist with this activity - perhaps by this Summer!

Knoxville Philately in the News

By Tom Broadhead

Kelleher's Stamp Collector's Quarterly is a beautifully illustrated philatelic magazine published by Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC, our principal sponsor of KnoxPEX. The fall 2020 issue (vol. 6, no. 3) was noteworthy for an article by Michael Mahler, "Rebel Documents – Yankee Stamps." This is one of a series by Mahler, and this issue focused on Tennessee.

As Union forces occupied parts of the seceded states, they implemented US postal and revenue regulations. The use of US revenue stamps on documents issued in the occupied territories was required, but these documents are incredibly scarce.

Mahler's Figure 35 (p. 27) (above right) shows an express delivery receipt from early 1865. He states, "Figure 35 shows an Adams Express Co. receipt made at Knoxville January 11, 1865, for transmission of \$125 to Nashville, the 2¢ Receipt tax surprisingly overpaid by a 5¢ Certificate. This tax had taken effect July 1, 1864, and after renewed lobbying by the express companies, would be rescinded as it applied to their receipts effective March 3, 1865, leaving only a nine-month window for this second stamp tax on express receipts. This is the sole recorded Occupation usage from Knoxville."

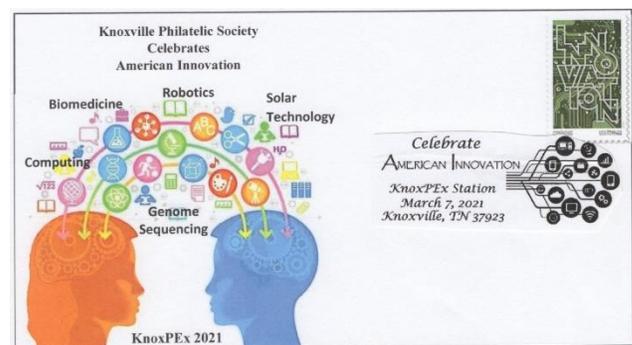


KnoxPEX Updates

At this writing, we are moving ahead with plans for KnoxPEX 2021. **Thomas Lane** is coordinating the on-site bourse at Rothchild's. A committee including **Michele Bresso**, **Tom Broadhead**, and **Carol Costa** is working on virtual elements – exhibits and talks. These will be hosted on the KPS web page for KnoxPEX at www.knoxstamps.com.

Publicity has included listings in *The American Philatelist* and *Linn's Stamp News*. The Society of Women Philatelists is also listing our show. There will be mailings to local media and to previous KnoxPEX attendees when we know more details.

Don Ashley and **Tom Broadhead** have been working on the show cachet and postal cancel. The cancel was approved by USPS on December 30 and will be advertised by USPS.



With the show theme "American Innovation," we will have show covers similar to the paste-up sample shown above. The 2020 Innovation stamps will be used, and cachets will be sold for \$3 apiece or a set of 5 including an example of each of the 5 stamps will be \$12. Advance orders are welcome, and you can send your check to the KPS mailing address. Please add \$0.55 to your payment for return postage.

KnoxPEX exhibits and recorded presentations will be hosted on a web page that **Jim Pettway** is creating as

part of the KPS website. There will be three classes of exhibits:

1. Multiple frame (x 16 pages)
2. Single frame (16 pages)
3. Shorter exhibits (1-15 pages)

If you have something special to share, you can now create a single or a few pages as an exhibit for the show. For great examples of online exhibits please visit the web page of the Sarasota (FL) National Stamp Exhibition at www.sarasotastampclub.com/philatelic-entries/?wpv_view_count=450&fbclid=IwAR31sBnuTPaXFppHS43NIIWUWOLi53iwBTeBeg4pTMJDxmsrPP8gXTUXIZE.

Exhibits must be in pdf format and should be emailed to Tom Broadhead (broadhea@utk.edu).

KPS Members in the News

Michele Bresso presented a three-session workshop, "Say it with PowerPoint: How to Present your Stamps like a Pro for the American Topical Association." The programs were held on January 5, 7, and 12 and were highlighted in an article in *Linn's Stamp News* (January 4, 2021, p. 14).

Tom Broadhead's letter about customized stamps also appeared in the January 4 *Linn's*. The US no longer allows these to be produced, but Tom showed a recent example from France that says "Take care of the Earth."



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met remotely, via Zoom on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 20 members and one guest in attendance (above right). President **Brent Marquand** presided. Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change, by motion. **Thomas Lane** will forward a Treasurer's report to the secretary.

KnoxPEX: **Thomas Lane** noted that most dealers' tables have been sold. If we must cancel, then the same space is available (at Rothchild's) at the same cost next

year. It is a large roomy space. **Tom Broadhead** noted that the show cachet has been drafted from a design by **Don Ashley**, and USPS has approved the postal cancel. Exhibits will be virtual and **Michele Bresso** is promoting this. **Jim Pettway** said that the Southeast Federation's KPS webpage will be updated for KnoxPEX. The KPS website will have information on the show.



KPS members at the January monthly meeting on Zoom

Membership renewals stand at 115. **Paul Allen** suggested that KPS create an online membership renewal. Stamp Acquisition: **Thomas Lane** reported the acquisition of a US collection, several are certificated and will be auctioned at KnoxPEX. A 77 album worldwide collection was purchased for \$4,000, but has not been worked up.

Program: **David Anderson** showed portions of a Swiss collection which he has been purchasing. **Paul Allen** shared aspects of his collection of postal history showing covers from India.

Recording of minutes ceased at 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Smartt, secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Financial Report

By Thomas Lane

At the end of December 2020, cash assets were \$10,657.22. Receipts for the month were \$1,423.10 and the outgo was \$16,212.98 for a net outflow of \$14,789.48.

Upcoming Events

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February 2 – regular meeting online with Zoom.

Program: “A Day at Ocean Beach, San Francisco” by **Dawn Hamman**, ATA President

February 20 – Saturday meeting – details TBA

March 2 – regular meeting online with Zoom. Program: final plans for KnoxPEX 2021

March 6-7 – KnoxPEX 2021, Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. Bourse: 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-3pm Sunday. Live auction 6pm Saturday. Exhibits and talks online at www.knoxstamps.com

March 20 – Saturday meeting – details TBA

March 30 – Fifth Tuesday meeting – details TBA

April 6 – monthly meeting online with Zoom. Program TBA.

When we are able to resume in-person meetings, emails and mailings will be sent to inform you.

February’s KPS Meeting Program

“A Day at Ocean Beach, San Francisco.” Come along for a tour of famous sites as shown in early 20th century picture postcards: Cliff House restaurant, Sutro Baths, amusement parks and sea lions. We’ll see the highlights of iconic San Francisco attractions and learn a bit about the most famous publishers of the era. The program will include picture postcards from the private mailing card era (1899-1901) and the undivided back era (1901-1907).

Dawn Hamman, president of the American Topical Association and KPS member, has competitive postcard exhibits including: “The Jewel City - The Panama Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915;” “He Built a Business Empire With Ostrich Feathers (Cawston Ostrich Farm);” “The Life and Legacy of Abraham Lincoln;” and “The Tale of the Cabbage Patch” (early French postcards featuring babies and cabbage).

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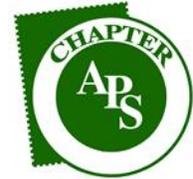


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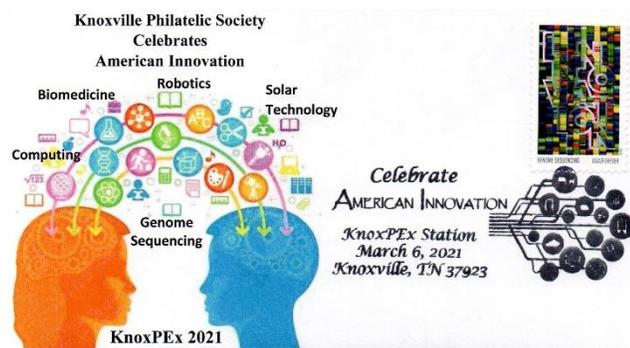
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It's Show Time!

By Tom Broadhead

The days are counting down to KnoxPEX 2021, our annual stamp show! This year, KnoxPEX will feature a live bourse of 13 dealers at Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. The banquet hall that we will use is much larger than at recent shows and allows for safe social distancing of dealer tables. KPS will provide hand sanitizer, but be sure to bring and wear your own face mask.

Separate registration forms for KPS members and nonmembers will be at the front table, along with sales of this year's cachet (\$3.00 each or set of 5 for \$12.00). Membership forms will also be available, with a special price of \$10.00 for the remainder of the year.



Show cachet showing one of the 5 different Innovations stamps.

The traditional live auction will be held Saturday night at 6:00 and features 65 auction lots of philatelic material ranging from single stamps to large lots of covers.

Exhibits and presentations will be at the KPS website – www.knoxstamps.com. Be sure and see those and vote for your favorite exhibit!

Happy Stamping!!

Some Things I've Seen

By Bill Grant

I am new to the KPS and none of you will recognize my name. I joined a few months ago as I am relocating to the area this June. Before I arrived, I wanted to start reading the newsletter and get to know the names of the people who do the work to keep the club running. I collected as a kid and like most others, put the hobby on hold to make my way in the world. A few years ago, I was drawn back to stamps by a friend who inherited his father's collection and was lost.

My friend had four boxes of a mish mash of a collection, some good, some not so good. He had taken the collection to a dealer who offered him \$500. He said he would think about the offer. The dealer called him every day for 2 weeks, asking if he was ready to sell. Alarm bells went off in his head. (From here on we will use the phrase **RING RING**.) I was sitting on a barstool at the Lodge telling somewhat truthful stories when he asked if I knew anything about stamps. I told him I knew enough to know what I was looking at and would give my opinion, as I was an expert in my own opinion. We went to his place and out came Box #1. I was looking at a little sheet of 2 cent stamps and he said, "Nothing there, huh, just 25 two cent stamps. I could almost send a letter with that."



Well, he was partially right. When I told him it was a mint, never hinged, very nice specimen of a White Plains souvenir sheet, that I could sell tomorrow for \$180, I had his attention. The next day I handed him the money and he put all four boxes in my car with instructions to sell everything, take all the time I needed and keep half. Half being a bit much, we agreed on a lower commission and it was on. Over the next few months, I was able to deliver \$3000 to him after already pocketing my share. Like most who inherit collections, he had no interest in learning about catalog values, resale values, differences in percentages in different parts of the state and other factors affecting resale. He didn't want to learn anything about the hobby but didn't want to be cheated either. Guess what? With few exceptions, that's not how the world works. The overwhelming majority of stamp dealers and collectors are honest. However, the stinkers are out there. As more people brought me collections I saw things that made my head spin.

Free advice time: Do not put an album page with 3 mounted stamps in the middle of a folio of 200 sheets of US common stamps worth one dollar a sheet. This particularly applies if the album sheet has only three stamps that are mint zeppelins. Keep the good stuff in a good safe place, preferably with a note. Don't think your heirs will figure it out after you go to the stamp club in the sky.



Remember those stinkers mentioned earlier? A good friend and longtime collector shared a confidence with me one day. He said he had something special to show me and not to tell anyone he had this very valuable item. The dealer who sold it to him told him to never show it to anyone and just to enjoy it privately . . . **RING RING!** He proceeded to open his safe and show me his Pony Express letters, some of which had multiple hand stamps as they were mis sent and rerouted. I was not happy to tell him that though the time period was correct, the Express has documented postmarks easy to find on the internet. These covers not only didn't have the correct postmarks, they originated in New Orleans and were finally delivered to an address in Pennsylvania. They never got to the other side of the Mississippi. He was crestfallen as he had paid thousands. Attempting to salvage his collecting credentials, he then showed me his ancient Samurai swords and told me to feast my eyes and try to debunk these masterpieces. I thought he was gonna cry when I pointed to the 5 digit serial number stamped on the blade just above the hilt. I don't think Master Myagi made that many in his lifetime or used Arabic numerals. I thought them to be government issue from WWII, but I'm no expert. Moral of the story: a little knowledge goes a long way.

Free advice time: If someone tries to sell you a mounted 90 cent Lincoln #122, but tells you not to

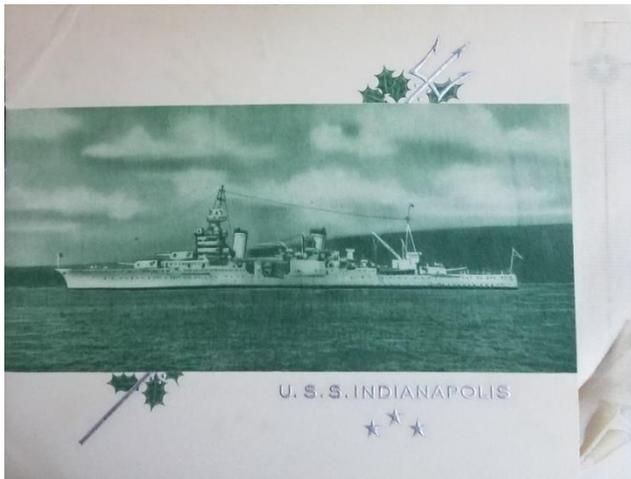


expose it to light or ever take it from the mount . . . **RING RING!** Take a good long look as the black background of the mount may be hiding a thin center with an actual hole. It looked good a first glance. Then his reputation was in tatters.

Having been asked many times to liquidate a collection, I ask you this . . . are you a candidate for the A&E show (stamp) Hoarders? If your system of organization is such that Albert Einstein would have trouble making sense of it, maybe you need to skip your next buying trip and put something in order. If this doesn't apply to you, Great. But I've seen it too many times. Moving on . . .

I like to collect covers and have come across some interesting ones. When I had an opportunity to buy some Naval covers of no significance, I jumped on it. The seller said they had been picked through for significant postmarks and these were the leftovers. Getting home, I went through them finding an insignificant postmark but a return address of the USS

Arizona. Also in the stack was a cover with a Christmas card inside. The card was an embossed picture of the USS Indianapolis addressed to Hawaii. Good find, great offers made, not for sale right now. There is still treasure out there, though we all have different ideas of treasure.



Free advice time: Don't be that guy or gal who, when offered \$150 worth of catalog value for stamps they asked you to find for them, says, "Will you take \$9 instead of the \$10 we agreed on?"

Please promote the hobby. Whether it's sharing your knowledge or your extras, it all helps. I enjoy the old artwork, my sister likes the newer style. Some like specific countries, some like topicals. There is no wrong way to collect or appreciate. You already know this. Do you want to engage a non-collector? Show them the red stamp of a canoe with a sail and then the reprint of the same canoe with a person in it to drive it (above right). It gets them every time. Same with the Japanese stamp commemorating the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Lastly, it never fails to amaze me that people who have collected for 50 years have never introduced anyone to the hobby and yet think there are multiple buyers for whatever they have stashed away. Surprise, there's not!



Fiji Scott 119 (top) and 132 (above)

I look forward to meeting all of you next summer. Other stories can wait. Semper Fi.

[Editor's note: The U.S.S. Indianapolis is one of the most iconic and tragic stories of World War II – [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Indianapolis_\(CA-35\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Indianapolis_(CA-35)). Its story has been the subject of two films: "Mission of the Shark: The Saga of the U.S.S. Indianapolis" (1991), "USS Indianapolis – Men of Courage" (2016), and the documentary "USS Indianapolis – the Legacy" (2016)]

Treasure? On Ebay

By Tom Broadhead

As I was reading Bill Grant's article and searching for images of US zepplin stamps to add, I came across this item on Ebay. Bill draws attention to faulty and fraudulent stamps and covers.



This one has a minimum bid of \$103.50. I wonder if there were any takers.

Remember *Boys' Life* and Stamp Company Ads?

By Jim Pettway

I [too] often visit Goodwill stores, Salvation Army Resale stores, and trash and treasure stores. Near the Veteran Administration (VA) Medical Center in Roanoke, Virginia, is an AMVET Resale store which I've passed so many times to and from visits to the VA. Well, this time I turned around and went back to check it out. I browsed around ending my tour at the checkout counter. Here I asked if they had any stamp, cover or postcard collections stuck behind the counter. They did not but said they occasionally got inquiries, so I gave them my name and contact information asking that they give me a call should such collection be donated.

As I turned around to leave, I noticed a short stack of old *Boys' Life* magazines from the 1960's. I chose one to take home to read at my leisure. The February 1964 edition "FOR ALL BOYS" had an original cover price of 25¢ and noted "OVER 2,200,00 CIRCULATION."

It was fun reading the old magazine that I had once enjoyed receiving and reading on a monthly basis during my years in the Boy Scouts. I read through a few articles of interest, a page of jokes and enjoyed the advertisements geared toward the scout. And then in the third to last page was a full page of small advertisements from stamp and coin companies (a scan is at the end of the newsletter). These ads were very popular not only in *Boys' Life* but *Popular Mechanics*, model railroad magazines and scale model car building magazines. What were some of the stamp companies from which you purchased stamps or got free stamps and approvals? Do you see any of them in the scan? I remember ordering from Jamestown Stamp Co., H.E. Harris & Co., Falcon Stamp Company, Littleton Coin Co. (which later became Littleton Stamp and Coin, I believe), and of course Mystic Stamp Company. I recall mailing a lot of dimes and quarters to get 100's of stamps all of which got me started in stamp collecting in 1963. I'm sure some of these stamps are in my current collections.

Share your story about one or more of these companies that I'm sure you did business with when you started collecting stamps. I, for one, would be interested in your story.

Cats on Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

Recently perusing posts on Facebook, I came across a charming and amusing photo (below) by Pierre

Wertheimer, one of my Philatelic Facebook Friends. His cat decided to take a nap on part of his collection – of course! – they'll do that.



After reposting that picture, KPS member **Michele Bresso** sent me one of her Maine Coon cat Maddie taking a protective posture.



KnoxPEX Exhibits!

KnoxPEX exhibits and recorded presentations will be hosted on a web page that **Jim Pettway** has created on the KPS website. There will be three classes of exhibits:

1. Multiple frame (x 16 pages)
2. Single frame (16 pages)
3. Shorter exhibits (1-15 pages)

If you have something special to share, you can now create a single or a few pages as an exhibit for the show. For great examples of online exhibits please visit the web page of the Sarasota (FL) National Stamp Exhibition at www.sarasotastampclub.com/philatelic-entries/?wpv_view_count=450&fbclid=IwAR31sBnuTPaXFppHS43NIIWUWOLi53iwBTeBeg4pTMJDxmsrPP8gXTUXIZE.

Exhibits must be in pdf format and should be emailed to **Tom Broadhead** (broadhea@utk.edu). Contact Tom if you have questions about scanning multiple pages in a pdf.

Don't forget to visit KnoxPEX 2021 online at www.knoxstamps.com.

Auction News

The discovery hoard of US 72, the 2c “Black Jack” without grill was auctioned by Case Antique Galleries in Knoxville. The stamps, in blocks ranging from 5 to 13, are unused but stuck to paper (examples below). **Tom Broadhead** worked with Case on the lot, which included other early US stamps.



The final sales price was \$640 – quite a great bargain for someone who can carefully soak these.

Last March at KnoxPEX, **Tom Broadhead**, representing Case Antique Galleries, consigned a rare piece of postal stationery to Daniel F. Kelleher, LLC, our KnoxPEX sponsor. The cut-to-shape used example of Scott U308, one of only 7 examples known, is featured on the cover of the auction catalog. With a Scott catalog value of \$4,250, it is estimated at \$3,000-\$4,000.

https://db.kelleherauctions.com/php/toc_auc.php?site=1&sale=753&lang=1



Lot 5291 in the March 2-5 Kelleher auction 753.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met remotely, via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 22 members in attendance (below). President **Brent Marquand** presided. Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change, by motion.

Thomas Lane gave the Treasurer's report (below), and then summarized of activities of the Stamp Acquisition Committee. The albums from the large Kelleher purchase are being worked up by club members. Collections continue to be donated to KPS. **Tom Broadhead** gave an APS update, on membership committee activity, which is emphasizing to renew. There was no old and new business.

The program then followed, by **Dawn Hamman**, American Topical Association President, who, gave a well-illustrated talk on “A Day at Ocean Beach, San Francisco” based on picture postcards from the private mailing card era (1899-1901) and the undivided back era (1901-1907).

KnoxPEX discussion followed the program. **Thomas Lane** said the show is on and scheduled at Rothchild's, with 13 dealers planning on coming. An auction will be held; **Gerald Schroedl** is handling the catalog. Masks will be worn, and social distancing will be practiced, following county public health guidelines. The innovation cachet is prepared from a

design by **Don Ashley**, and advance orders will be taken before the show. The exhibits will be online and the KPS website (<https://www.knoxstamps.com>) have information on the show, registration, and exhibits, and an email announcement will be sent to the membership. Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC, the show sponsor, will be present and is also sending recordings.

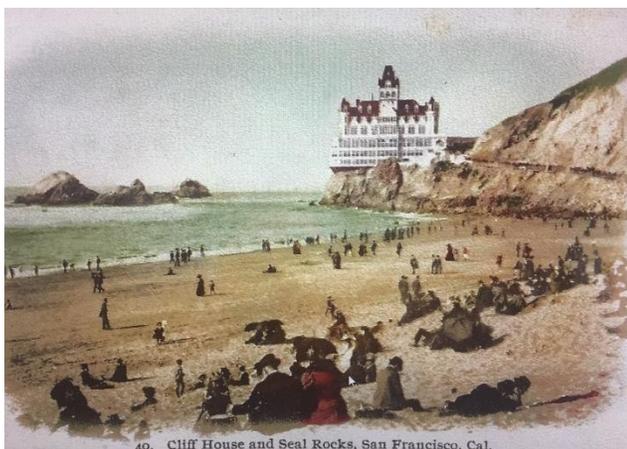
After the meeting adjourned, chat continued for another 45 minutes!

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Anderson, acting for the Secretary



KPS members at the February monthly meeting on Zoom

Dawn Hamman (above at upper left) presented a beautifully illustrated program showing postcards that documented the history of the Cliff House, a coastal landmark in San Francisco.



An early tinted postcard of Cliff House in San Francisco.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Financial Report

By Thomas Lane

At the end of January 2021, cash assets were \$12,974.85. Receipts for the month were \$2,344.97 and the outgo was \$27.36 for a net inflow of \$2,317.61.

Upcoming Events

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KPS meetings continue to be online through Zoom at 7:00 pm on indicated days and we hope to have a program presentation at each.

March 2 – regular meeting online with Zoom. Program: final plans for KnoxPEX 2021

March 6-7 – KnoxPEX 2021, Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. Bourse: 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-3pm Sunday. Live auction 6pm Saturday. Exhibits and talks online at www.knoxstamps.com

March 20 – Saturday meeting – details TBA

March 30 – Fifth Tuesday meeting – details TBA

April 6 – monthly meeting online with Zoom. Program: "Siege Stamps of the 1948 Arab/Israeli War" by **Dick Jackson**

When we are able to resume in-person meetings, emails and mailings will be sent to inform you.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

April's program presenter **Dick Jackson** shares the following.

“Under increasing pressure from an expanding Jewish insurgency, Britain announced in February 1947 that it wanted to terminate its governance of Palestine under terms of the League of Nations Mandate and referred the issue to the United Nations. On 29 November the United Nations adopted a plan for partitioning Palestine. The Plan pleased no one. On 2 December rioting by Arab protestors ripped Jerusalem, and when Jewish paramilitary units used force to protect Jewish interests, Palestine erupted in civil war. Faced with escalating, uncontrolled violence, Britain announced that it would terminate the Mandate on 15 May 1948. It then began in rapid order to evacuate its personnel, close civil services including post offices, and release offices and military installations to local claimants. As the Civil War

morphed into a general war between the Arab League and the new state of Israel security in Palestine evaporated. Between March and July 1948 four Jewish cities came under extended siege by Arab paramilitary groups and issued postage stamps to continue locally administered postal services. The story of these cities is unique and the topic of this presentation.”

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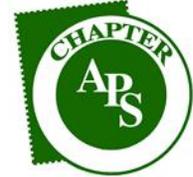


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Loss of a Friend

By Tom Broadhead

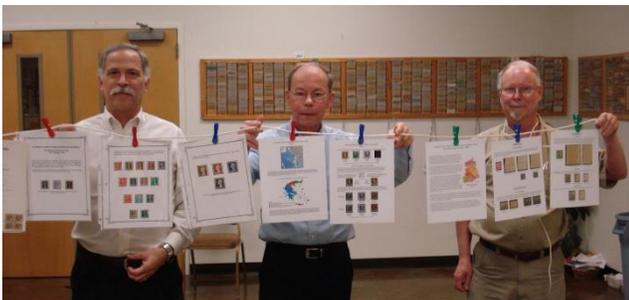
Longtime KPS member, **Russ Haese**, passed away on February 27 at the age of 72. Russ and his wife, Sue, are residents of Clinton, TN. Russ attended Oak Ridge High School and earned a physics degree at Tennessee Tech. He taught high school mathematics in Georgia and then worked for many years as a car and engine design engineer for Ford Motor Co., in Dearborn, Michigan.

As a KPS member, Russ contributed significantly to the development of what has become our constitution and by-laws. He participated in many KPS activities, most notably KnoxPEX, where Russ and his brother Randy staffed the beginners' table and helped many budding philatelists with free stamps and explanations about collecting. He also wrote for the KPS newsletter and donated stamps for "stamp of the month." His excellent program about paper making and

watermarks will long be remembered.



Randy (left) and Russ Haese (right) at the beginners table at KnoxPEX a few years ago.



(L-R) **Jim Pettway**, **Russ Haese**, and **Randy Haese** showed some of their collections in the "Clothesline Exhibit" program.

KnoxPEX 2021 Highlights

By Tom Broadhead

In 2020, KPS dodged the Covid-19 bullet, having our show just days before shutdowns. This year, as we emerge from shutdowns, KPS was able to have a live show with virtual components. **Thomas Lane** expertly managed the on-site show at Rothchild Catering and Conference, which included a 13-dealer bourse and the traditional Saturday night live auction.

It was impossible to predict attendance, but overall, it was a great success. Notably, we had more nonmembers attending and many who attended a KnoxPEX for the first time.

Saturday

2020 Members – 62 Nonmembers – 57

2021 Members – 32 Nonmembers – 59

Sunday

2020 Members – 22 Nonmembers – 5

2021 Members – 11 Nonmembers – 8

2021 Nonmembers first time at KnoxPEX – 29

2021 Nonmembers requesting info – 9

The live auction was predictably smaller than usual but was successful by any measure. **Thomas Lane** reports that there were 77 lots, of which 58 sold to 16 bidders. Gross sales were \$650.50, and KPS netted \$73.75. **David Anderson** was the auctioneer.

The KPS website hosted the virtual components of the show, including a recorded welcome from President **Brent Marquand** and an interview about Free Style Exhibiting with **Carol Costa** and **Tom Broadhead**.

There were 16 exhibits filling 39 "virtual frames," a record for KnoxPEX exhibits. As usual, we had a "most popular" vote by email, but instead of a single winner, we had a winner in each of three exhibit divisions – single frame, multiple frame, and smaller (1-15 pages).

The most popular exhibits were:
 Single frame – “1924 Panama Arms Issue for the Isthmus of Panama,” by **Kurt Streepy**
 Multiple frame – “Abraham Lincoln’s Life and Legacy,” by **Dawn Hamman**
 Small Exhibit – “Typewriter Evolution: From Life-changing Tech to Semantic Icon,” by **Michele Bresso**

Presentations and exhibits are still viewable on the KPS website.

Cachet sales were probably the best in the history of the club, and many buyers took advantage of the set of 5 for \$12. Out of 160 covers prepared, we have sold 120. If you have not yet bought yours, order yours now!

Thanks go to Wayne Robertson for the following photos.



Don Richter had a table full of great offerings in the bourse.



Marshall Blum, David Anderson and Tom Handler were among the KPS members at the front table.



Our show sponsor, Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions LLC, was represented at the show by George Bailey.



Thomas Lane shopped at Len Curtis’s table in the bourse.

STAMPEX online

By Tom Broadhead

Stampex is the British National Stamp Exhibition and is the largest bi-annual (spring and fall) philatelic exhibition in Europe. This year you didn’t have to fly “across the pond” to attend the show, which was held March 25-27. Instead, you could attend the virtual show at www.stampexinternational.co.uk. There are

amazing exhibits of philatelic material – and the website is open through the end of April. Registration is free.

Gems at Auction

By Tom Broadhead

Shoe designer and entrepreneur Stuart Weitzman is well known for designing women’s footwear but is probably not so recognized in philatelic circles. [Stuart Weitzman - Wikipedia](#). Notably, he is the owner of two of the most iconic philatelic items, one of which, the British Guiana black on magenta, was purchased by him in 2014. He also owns the plate block of US C3a, the 1918 airmail with the inverted Jenny.

These icons of philately will be sold at a Sotheby’s Auction on June 8. [Three Treasures – Collected by Stuart Weitzman \(sothebys.com\)](#)



The unique British Guiana Scott 13. The reverse (at right) shows many owners’ marks. The large blue outline at left is a woman’s stiletto heel and initials SW mark of Weitzman.



The unique plate block of the “Inverted Jenny”

In addition to these philatelic treasures, Weitzman is also the owner of the unique 1933 United States Double Eagle gold coin. Although many of these were minted, almost all were melted down after the US went

off the gold standard. None were supposed to be in private hands, and several were confiscated by the US government. This is the only example authorized to be privately owned.



The unique 1933 Double Eagle \$20 gold coin

These three items are estimated to sell for \$37 million, and most will go to charitable foundations. Weitzman is quoted as saying that, “No one takes a U-Haul to the cemetery,” he said. “We have to figure out what to do with all this stuff.”

Great American Stamp Show- Live!



The official announcement has been made that the Great American Stamp Show, hosted by the American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association and American First Day Cover Society, will be live in August. More at <https://stamps.org>. Stay tuned for further details!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

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Thomas Lane gave the Treasurer’s report (below), which was approved as presented. **Tom Broadhead** announced that the APS is trying for a big show in Chicago, contingent on covid restrictions. There was no old and new business.

KnoxPEX: **Brent Marquand** thanked several members for their efforts to date. **Tom Broadhead** noted promotion efforts. Exhibits have been coming in (will be virtual), may have 15+ (including several from India). The philatelic talks will be online. A page allows ordering the show cachet. **Thomas Lane** noted there will be two live presentations. There was a call for volunteers for various times during the show,

including a photographer for purposes of the newsletter. **Jim Pettway** to attempt to open the KPS inventory for viewing only during the show. **Tom Broadhead** moved that each of the 3 category awards have a \$25 value, seconded, passed.

Thomas Lane noted that the KPS budget does not include electronic filing fee for KPS's tax return. Moved and seconded and passed to allow payment of such filing fee.

Adjournment at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Financial Report

By Thomas Lane

At the end of February 2021, cash assets were \$14,638.33. Receipts for the month were \$3,241.84 and the outgo was \$1,578.38 for a net inflow of \$1,636.46.

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May 4 – monthly meeting. Place TBA. Program TBA. KPS officer elections.

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Biden-Harris Inaugural Covers

By Don Ashley

Here are 8 different cachets that I have prepared that have the official inaugural cancel. Note that one also has a stamp of Liberia.

You can find them on eBay under my seller name dwa7 or email me at dwa7@bvunet.net.



A KPS Treasure on Delcampe

By Tom Broadhead

You never know where KPS memorabilia will be found. This cover, with a KnoxPEX cancel that I designed for the 2001 show, is for sale on the Belgium

online auction site, Delcampe.net. It has an interesting cachet and is priced at 3.50 euros.



Wanted!

- Supreme Global or Master Global binders. Contact Carol Costa at lynkar8@earthlink.net.
- Notes and articles for KPS news. Contact Tom Broadhead at broadhea@utk.edu.

Do you have philatelic wants or needs? Send me a short note at broadhea@utk.edu. Tom

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We're Back!!

By Tom Broadhead

After 12 months since our last meeting in March 2020, KPS had its first in-person monthly meeting at Rothchilds, the site of KnoxPEX 2021. There was a good crowd of 24, some leaving early and some arriving later. Photos below are by **Don Ashley** and **Tom Broadhead**.



The heads of the Stamp Acquisition Committee (l-r) **Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, and Bob Smith**, were there with the KPS stock of stamps, and premeeting shopping was brisk.



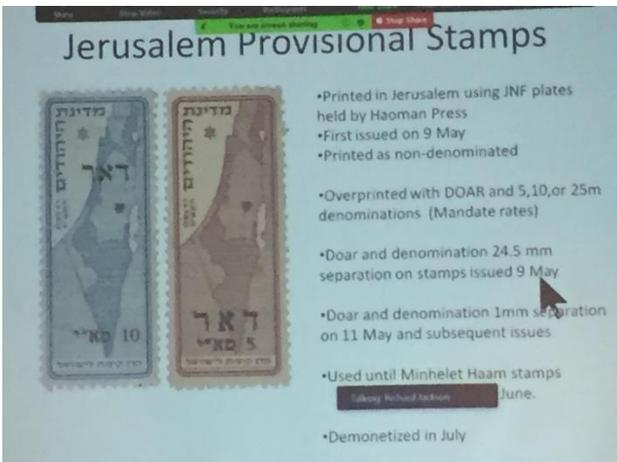
Another 12 members participated in the meeting by Zoom. Our hybrid meeting was a great success.

The program, "Siege Stamps of the 1948 Arab/Israeli War," was presented by **Dick Jackson**. He began with an excellent historical overview showing stamps used in Palestine before the partition. The discussion of Jewish and Arab areas was shown with maps that also showed the challenges in mail transport, especially after hostilities.

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Dick Jackson (at left) used his laptop, projector, and Zoom to deliver his program to on-site and online attendees.



Dick showed provisional stamps issued by four cities, including Jerusalem (above). The darker areas were assigned to the Jewish population (Israel had not yet gotten its name), and lighter areas were given to the Arab population. There were Jewish areas that were not even connected to each other.

Stamp Art

By Michele Bresso

Have you ever considered putting a postage stamp on your wall? As stamp collectors, we fill stock books, album pages and boxes with bits of history we've gathered from all over the world. Mostly they sit on shelves or are tucked away in closets and file cabinets. Now there's a way to set free a favorite stamp . . . a new way to appreciate the stamps we love and admire.

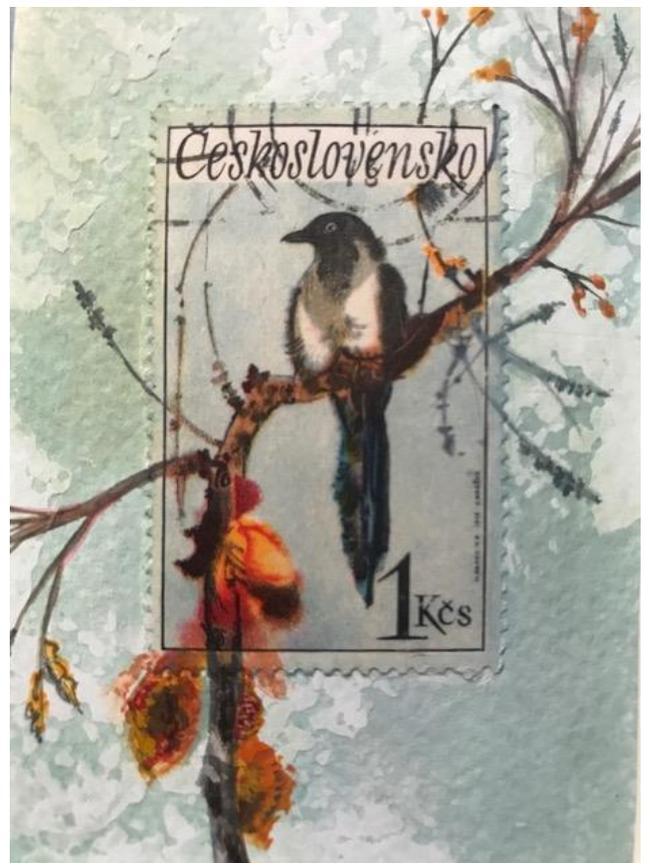
Artist and accidental stamp collector Tonia Jillings turns postage stamps into fine art. This creative spirit from Great Britain started the work unassumingly after asking to keep stamps on a package that someone was throwing away.

“The stamps were just too beautiful to toss in the bin,” Jillings said.

The next thing she knew, family members gifted her with stamps for holidays, and she fell in love with their beauty and design. Wanting to explore the stamps further, she experimented with ways to incorporate them into her paintings. With a stamp at the center of a small canvas, Tonia turned the mundane stamp background into an entire landscape.



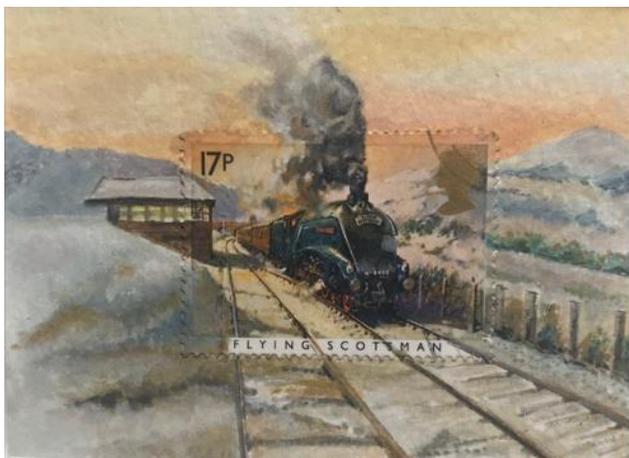
Through her deft application of oil paint and hand-mixed color, the action depicted on the stamp surged to life.



Now Jillings is working full time to present stamps for all to enjoy. Her work is shown in galleries in the UK, featured in philatelic publications, and presented on her website: <https://www.toniajillings.co.uk/>. As you can see, they are small, almost miniatures.



Check out the selection and find a favorite stamp. Or contact Jillings to paint a custom art piece based on your favorite stamp.



This stamp art is from my collection.

Hang it on the wall, step back, and enjoy!

PIPEX Programs

By Kurt Streepy

PIPEX is an APS regional show in the Oregon. I will be doing a Zoom presentation about my exhibit of "1924 Panama Arms Issue for the Isthmus of Panama" that I showed virtually at KnoxPEX 2021. The talk is scheduled for PIPEX on May 9th at 6:30 or 7:00 pm EDT, grouped with another talk. You can check the PIPEX website for details as the time gets closer. There will be a number of other free programs May 7-9 for that show.

<http://www.pipexstampshow.org/schedule.html>.

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at Rothchilds and remotely, via Zoom on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 24 members in attendance at Rothchilds and 12 more attending on Zoom. President **Brent Marquand** presided. Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change.

Thomas Lane presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of March, 2021, the club had cash assets of \$13,887. Receipts for the month were \$5,335, outgo was \$6,086, for a net cash outflow of \$751. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

KnoxPEX: **Thomas Lane** reported that attendees and exhibitors were happy with the in-person results. The event was an approximate break even financially for KPS, in the face of smaller dollar proceeds from the auction. He also announced the recent purchase of a large lot at approximately 10% of catalogue value.

Tom Broadhead announced that the Great American Stamp Show will be live in Chicago, August 12-15. The ATA has a new one page exhibit program coordinated by **Michele Bresso** and Tom.

Dick Jackson presented, "Siege Stamps of the 1948 Arab-Israeli War."

Adjournment at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Smartt, secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Financial Report

By Thomas Lane

At the end of March, 2021, cash assets were \$13,886.86. Receipts for the month were \$5,344.80 and the outgo was \$ 6,086.29 for a net outflow of \$741.49.

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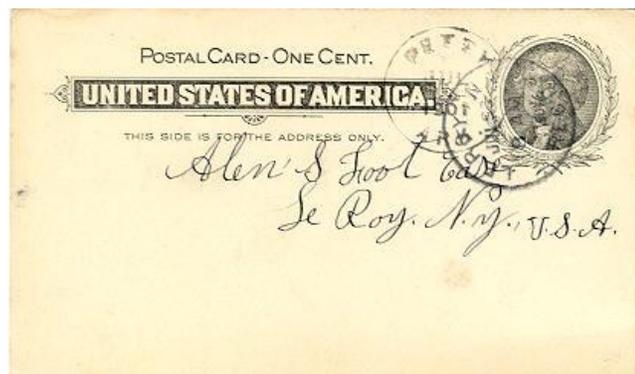
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June 8 – monthly meeting. Place TBA. Program TBA.

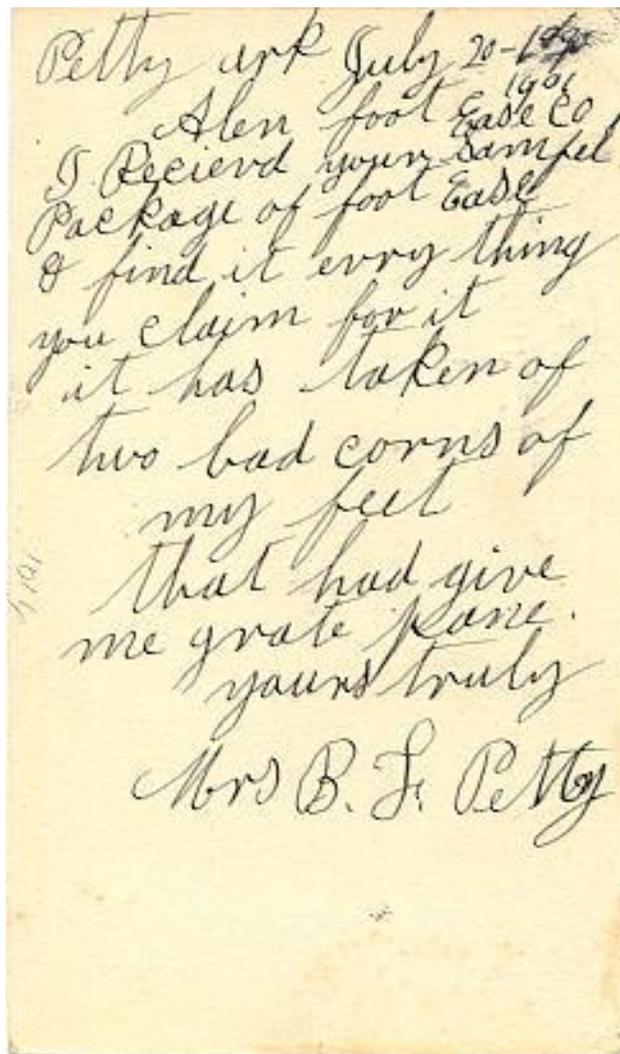
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Fun with a Postal Card

By Tom Broadhead

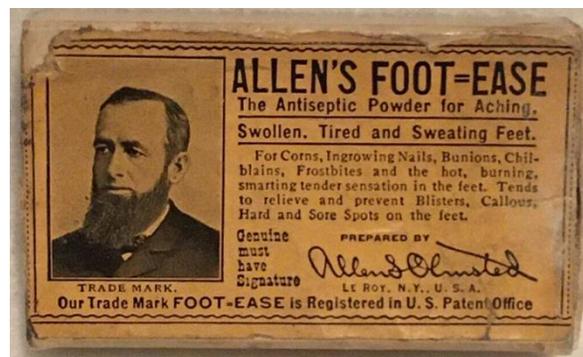


Here we have a common US postal card (Scott UX 14) mailed in 1901 from Petty AR to Alen's Foot Ease in Le Roy, NY. One of the fun things about collecting post cards is seeing the messages written on the reverse sides. This one is no exception.



"I Received your sampel Package of foot Ease & find it evry thing you claim for it. it has taken of two bad corns of my feet that had give me grate pane. yours truly Mrs. B. F. Petty"

A quick web search found the product!



You can find this and vintage containers for sale on EBay. Information is at the Smithsonian - [Allen's Foot-Ease | National Museum of American History \(si.edu\)](https://www.si.edu). Enjoy!!

Do You Know Me?

By Tom Broadhead

Can you identify and explain this stamp? Details coming in next month's newsletter.



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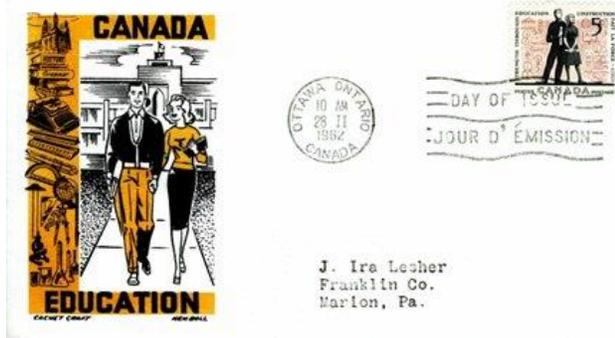
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ATA Introduces a Unique Exhibiting Opportunity

By Tom Broadhead



Have you always wanted to try your hand at exhibiting, but are not sure how to begin or how much material you need? As part of its participation in the Great American Stamp Show in August, ATA is sponsoring a virtual exhibiting program – “My One-Page Exhibit!”

Coordinated by KPS members **Michele Bresso**, **Tom Broadhead**, and **Dawn Hamman**, this will be the only virtual exhibit program at GASS. If you have stamps that tell a nice story that can be summed up in one page, give it a try! Or, if you want to test the waters on an exhibiting area that you want to develop further, this is just the thing for you.

Details about creating and submitting are at the ATA website – <http://americantopical.org>. The window for submissions is open now and extends until July 15. Exhibits will all be shown on a special ATA web page beginning August 12.

Special thanks go to our guest author this month, Peter Valdner from Bratislava, Slovak Republic. This year’s stranding of a large freighter in the Suez Canal was not the first time that ships were stranded there. Peter’s excellent stamp catalog of the Great Bitter Lake Association is much more than that and includes fascinating accounts of the eight-year period when ships were stranded there between two wars.

The Yellow Fleet

By Peter Valdner
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During the Six-Day War between Israel and Arab states in June 1967, fourteen cargo ships from eight nations were trapped on the Great Bitter Lake (GBL) in the Suez Canal. The crews were replaced every three to six months, but the ships remained stranded there for eight years until May 1975.

The crews proclaimed the Great Bitter Lake Association (GBLA), pooled their resources, organized cultural and sporting events and issued stamps. To reduce cost of guarding the ships, shipping companies re-anchored ships into groups. The British ships *Agapenor* and *Melampus* joined as *Agalampus* and *Port Invercargill* and *Scottish Star* as *Portstar*. The Swedish ships *Nippon* and *Killara* formed *Nippara*, Polish ships *Djakarta* and *Boleslaw Bierut* formed *Djakkier*. Later on, *Agalampus* and the Czechoslovak *Lednice* formed *Ledmalaga*, *Nippara* and the West German *Münsterland* and *Nordwind* formed *Müwiniki* and *Djakkier* with *Portstar* formed *Djabiporst*. The French *Sindh*, renamed *Essayons*, joined *Müwiniki* group to form *Müwinikies*. The Bulgarian *Vassil Levski* and USA flag *African Glen* stayed alone all the time, the latter being sunk during the Yom Kippur war in 1973.



SS African Glen after the Yom Kippur war.

Ships on the high seas can use a PAQUEBOT cancel, which requires stamps. As there were next to no stamps available on the ships, the seamen started their

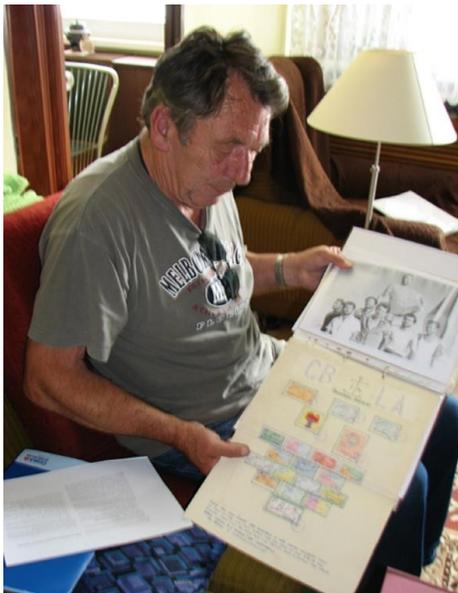
production. Crews of all ships and ship groups produced stamps.

The first issues were printed by the Captain Jiří Kudrna, Master of *Lednice*, between October 1967 and January 1968 on the Hectograph duplicating machine, which allowed a maximum of 200 copies. The average was ca. 150 copies, and a few can still be found in GBLA collections.



The first GBLA stamp

His stamp collection could be seen at the PRAGA 1968 World Stamp Exhibition.

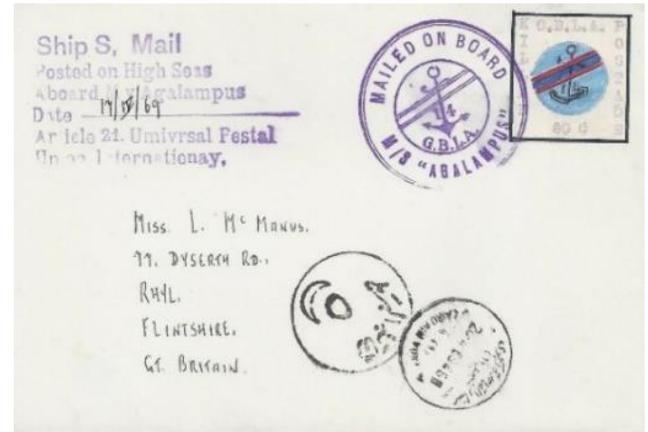


The first stamps seen in the hands of their producer, Captain Jiří Kudrna.

Many later issues were printed from solid matrices, which theoretically allowed printing of more copies and in various colours, but the average print-run of all ca. 475 GBLA issues, amounting to more than 2000 stamps, was below 100 copies. Less than 10% are believed to still exist, so they are a challenge to collect. The following two charts (p. 5), copied from the GBLA Stamp Catalogue, show the numbers of produced stamps and issues.

The CBH (Captain Brian Hill) Chart and Issues Chart presents the numbers of different stamps and stamp issues that were guaranteed produced, if counted the way Captain Hill did in his book *Postage Stamps of the Great Bitter Lake Association*, published in 1975. These charts are shown at the end of this article.

Some stamps were used as postage, some were used as decorations on outgoing letters, most of which were lost. Others were saved as souvenirs.



Examples that successfully passed through the mails with GBLA stamps

Due to sandstorms, the ships were covered with a layer of yellow desert sand. Captain von der Mehden, arriving for his stint on the *Müwinikies* in 1971, introduced the name Yellow Fleet. It appeared on several GBLA stamps, too.



Stamps issued by Müwinikies representing (l-r) the ship groups Müwinikies, Djabiporst, and Ledmelaga.

The 14 ships could not enter the ports on the GBL as the lake was rather shallow. Contacts with the land were possible only by boats, which carried men, mail, and all supplies.



Egyptian boats shuttled replacement crews in addition to supplies and the mail.

In the beginning, any direct contacts between the ships were strictly prohibited by Egyptian authorities. Even messages between ships had to be carried by boats to land and then again by boats to ships. Later, contacts were allowed during daylight, especially to meet at "Church."



Crews originally were forbidden to associate with each other, but later were allowed to meet, especially at "Church." Church was a weekly meeting on the *Nordwind*. It had nothing to do with religion. A "Post Office" was a part of it, where covers were cacheted. Many covers show cachets of several ships.



Cachets typically were handstamps with ship names. Some were pictorial. See above right for the entire cover.



Stamp production was not the principal activity of the GBLA, though the most remarkable. I would like to say it was also durable, but some stamps have a tendency to fade, owing to printing methods.

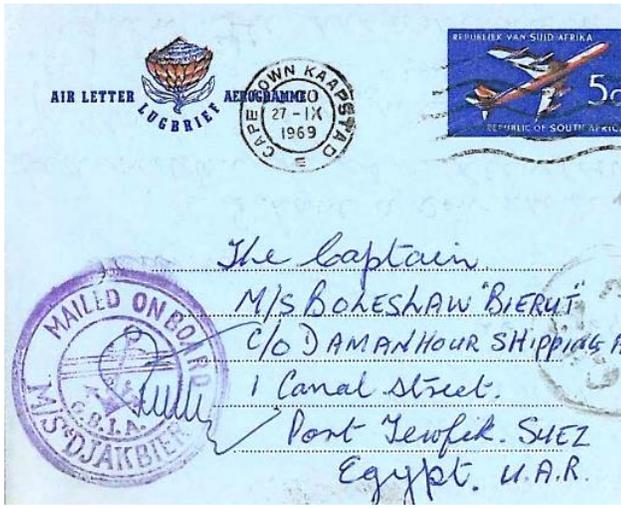


A cover with 4 Egyptian and 4 GBLA stamps (three of them badly faded). GBLA stamps were not widely accepted for international postage, and many covers have the necessary Egyptian stamps.



Covers mailed to Germany (above with Egyptian postage) and England (below without Egyptian postage)

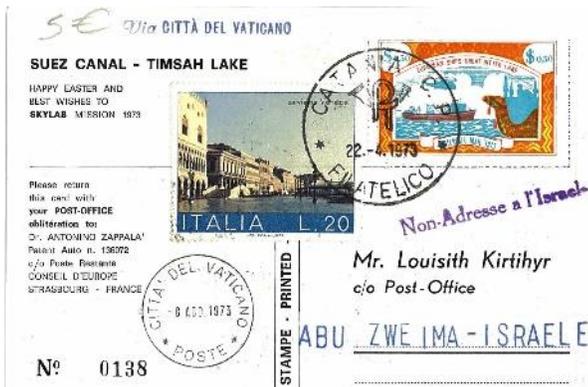
Philatelists and stamp collectors from all over the world asked GBLA members for stamps and/or cachets. Sometimes with success.



Dear Sir,
 I have a son who is
 bed ridden, he is a keen collector
 of stamps I keep him happy
 by giving him some now and
 again. He has asked me to
 write to you to find out if
 you have any spare stamps
 of the captivity of the Suez
 Canal which all the companies
 ships that are stuck in the canal
 as he has already seen in the
 news paper.
 Thanking you

A request for GBLA stamps from the Republic of South Africa

The Italian Dr. Zappala printed stamps and sent them to the lake to make a business on them. Some were really used as decorations on letters, but his business plan failed.



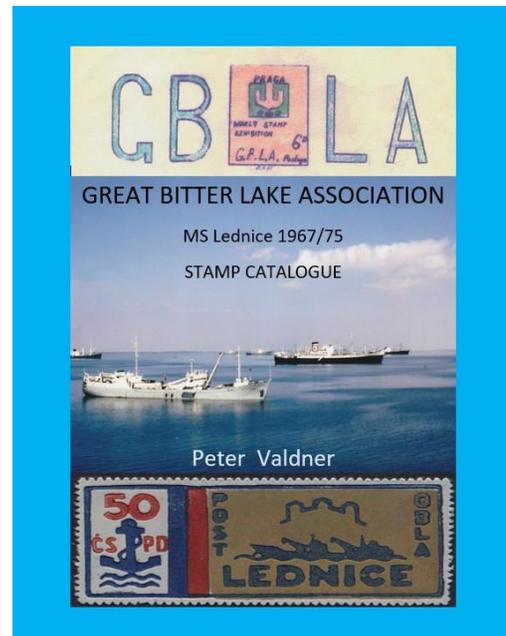
A postcard sent by Dr. Zappala with his GBLA imitation stamp

The stock of his worthless products was auctioned. Nowadays, these imitations, mostly inscribed Great Bitter Lake, S.C., can be found offered at Ebay and other stamp portals. A warning was published in 2016 – <https://valdpete.blogspot.com/p/gbl-labels-are-not-gbla-stamps.html>



Examples of Zappala's imitation GBLA stamps

I am pleased to notice that since my article was published, the price of these imitations fell considerably. But they are still at crazy high levels. Well, the GBLA collectors have either not found or understood my article . . . you can learn the lesson reading my book *GREAT BITTER LAKE ASSOCIATION STAMP CATALOGUE*, published in summer 2020 in English. Enjoy.



For information about the book and orders consult <https://valdpete.blogspot.com/p/great-bitter-lake-association-catalogue.html> and/or send an email to valdpete@yahoo.com. The book is much more than just a stamp catalogue. If you need any information on the GBLA or GBLA stamps not dealt in this book, feel free to consult me. valdpete@yahoo.com

The **CBH Chart** presents the numbers of different stamps that were guaranteed produced, if counted the way Captain Hill did in his book *Postage Stamps of the Great Bitter Lake Association*, published in 1975.

BGR	-	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	12
DEU	-	153	81	52	66	31	-	-	3	-	387
FRA	-	21	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
GBR	-	191	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	302
NOR	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	1	-	-	29
POL	-	125	105	220	369	94	5	11	11	-	940
SWE	-	48	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
USA	-	1	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Imit.		4	4	4	8	5	2	1	4	-	32
Σ	58	580	410	276	450	183	7	20	18	7	2009

The **Issues Chart** presents the numbers of stamp issues.

Issues	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	iné	Σ
CSR	9	3	5	-	2	5	-	3	-	1	28
BGR	-	-	1	-		3	-	-	-	-	4
DEU	-	16	33	17	18	7	-	-	1	-	92
FRA	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
GBR	-	17	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	39
NOR	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	11
POL	-	22	22	55	128	21	3	5	3	-	259
SWE	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
USA	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Imit.	-	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	-	15
Σ	9	69	100	74	151	48	5	10	5	5	476

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board Meeting

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met remotely, via Zoom on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, for an executive board meeting. There were nine members (and others) in attendance. President **Brent Marquand** presided.

Slate for elections: After discussion, a motion was passed that the present executive board members and officers would continue for another year (there being little activity in the past year due to the coronavirus). Saturday meeting: The May 22 Saturday meeting will be from 9 to 1. The location to be confirmed shortly.

There was a discussion of sales by members at meetings. It was agreed that members would be informed that they may bring what they wish to sell or trade. Tables will be available at the Saturday meeting.

There was a discussion of the charge for membership for a partial year. The executive board wishes to reemphasize that a partial year, from July through December is \$10. Whole year memberships are \$15.

The July 6th meeting will be a celebration of KPS' 40th anniversary as an affiliate of APS. The APS president will attend and will have the program that night (his specialty is Swiss philately). Motion passed to provide \$100 to defray part of the expense of the trip.

The Holiday Party is the first Saturday in December, a lunch at Lakeside Tavern.

Adjournment at 6:50 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

Owing to the threat of severe weather, the Knoxville Philatelic Society met remotely, via Zoom on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 20 members in attendance. President **Brent Marquand** presided.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change, by motion. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of April 2021, the club had cash assets of \$10,535. Receipts for the month were \$3,223, outgo was **\$6,575**, for a net cash outflow of \$3,352. Receipts from KnoxPex were \$5,671, expenses were \$5,474 for a net inflow of \$197. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Elections: Past president **David Anderson** presented the slate of nominees for officers and directors. It is a continuation slate as there was little activity in the past year due to the coronavirus. Officers and directors will serve one more year than originally intended.

The July meeting will be the celebration of the 40th anniversary of KPS as a chapter of APS. **Bob Zeigler**, APS president, will attend and provide the program.

Stamp acquisition committee: **Bruce Roberts** stated that more than \$8,000 of sales had occurred at the last meeting and since then. He noted that a couple of new volunteers have begun to assist the committee; more are welcome.

Tom Broadhead, APS representative, stated that the summer Chicago live show occurring is uncertain pending dealer registrants and will be known on May

15. ATA is launching a virtual one-page exhibit program, ideal for beginners and others wishing to try it out.

Brent Marquand announced that June meeting details would be announced when arrangements are completed. The holiday lunch will be the first Saturday of December at Lakeside Tavern.

There being no program, adjournment at 7:17 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Loss of a Friend

KPS recently learned of that our member, **John Holladay**, passed away April 1 at the age of 96. John was an Army Veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict and worked for many years at the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Swapping and Selling at KPS Meetings is for Everyone!

Carrying on a long KPS tradition, don't forget that you can bring your extra stamps to swap or sell to members at KPS meetings! Your "trash" (well, stamps would never be trash) might be someone else's treasure.

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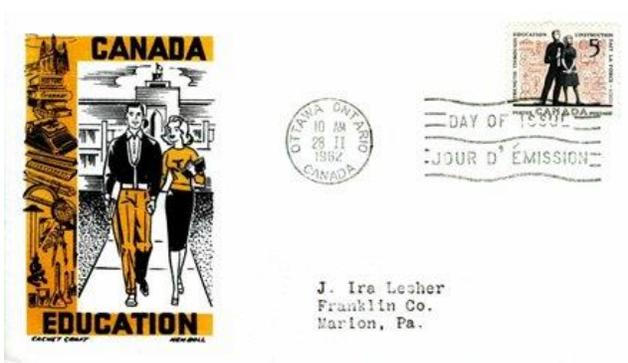
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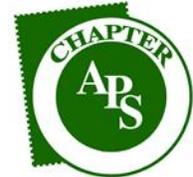


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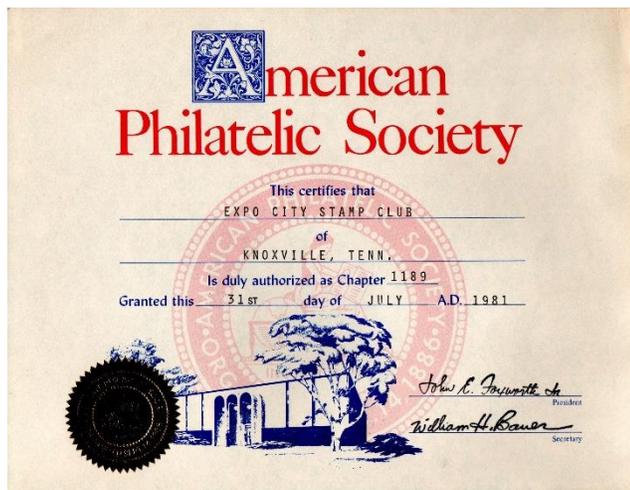
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Happy Anniversary KPS!

By Tom Broadhead

The first *Knoxville Philatelic Society* was founded in 1895, and nothing is known of a stamp club in Knoxville between 1898 and 1980, when the *Expo City Stamp Club* was founded in association with the 1980 Knoxville World's Fair. **Bruce Roberts** was one of the founders. Since 1980, the club, with its successor names, *Knoxville Stamp Club* (1983) and *Knoxville Philatelic Society* (1994) has been an active entity in philately in the southeastern United States.

On July 31, 1981, the Expo City Stamp Club received its charter as American Philatelic Society chapter 1189. We celebrate our 40th year as an APS chapter.



Our APS Chapter affiliation certificate

We will celebrate this anniversary at the monthly KPS meeting on July 6. American Philatelic Society president, Bob Zeigler will be our guest speaker, presenting on Mail from Switzerland during World War II.

In addition to the usual swapping and shopping that night and a 40th anniversary cake and refreshments to round out the event.



Following last year's successful Virtual Stamp Show, the fall show hosted by the American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association and American First Day Cover Society returns live! Great American Stamp Show (GASS) will be August 12-15 in Chicago. Several KPS members have indicated they plan to attend.

Although details of the calendar of events have not yet been released, information on the show website - Great American Stamp Show - promises a great bourse of dealers, more than 600 frames of exhibits, and many seminars, presentations, and social events. Check the website regularly for details and updates.

A usual highlight of the show is a first day ceremony for new US stamps, and this year is no exception.



A set of eight "backyard games" forever stamps celebrates many fun summer outdoor activities. The first day ceremony will be at 11 am on August 12, the first day of the show. There will be two additional first day ceremonies that day. The ceremony for the Faroe Islands set of three stamps honoring stamp engraver, Czeslaw Slania is at 1 pm the same day. Later, at 3 pm,

will be a ceremony for a new United Nations stamp honoring Mother Teresa. More information about these is at [First Days \(stamps.org\)](https://stamps.org).

Registration and show entry are free. Register online and learn more at <https://stamps.org>.

APS Announces Chapter Newsletter and Website Competitions

By Tom Broadhead

APS Executive Director **Scott English** announced in the June 2021 issue of *The American Philatelist* that APS has initiated a renewed competition for chapter newsletters and web sites. The “Star Route Awards” are named for an interesting historical aspect of US postal service, described by Scott.

“In 1845, Congress established a private contract service to deliver mail with ‘celerity, certainty, and security.’ In short, they did not care how the mail was delivered, rather that it was delivered. As part of the recordkeeping process, postmasters had to record celerity, certainty, and security in their ledger to indicate the mail was delivered by private carrier. Before long, postmasters replaced those three words with three stars, and the routes became known as Star Routes. Today, we know those routes more commonly as “Highway Contract Routes.” (*The American Philatelist*, June 2021, p. 486).



KPS newsletters and our website have been submitted for this competition. Awards will be announced in October – Stamp Collecting Month.

Rare Stamps Sell – You Can Own a Piece of History!

By Tom Broadhead

In the April 2021 KPS News, I wrote about the upcoming auction on June 8 of two unique philatelic items. The auction has taken place, and all sold for extraordinary prices.

The fabled 1856 British Guiana “Penny Magenta” (the paper color) sold for \$8.3 million, less than the estimated \$10-15 million. The winning bidder was the British philatelic firm, Stanley Gibbons.



The other unique philatelic item was the plate block of the 1918 US “inverted Jenny” airmail stamp.



It sold for a respectable \$4.8 million, below the \$5-7 million estimate, to David Rubenstein of the Carlyle Group, a global investment firm.

Shortly after the auction, the Gibbons firm announced that “shares” can be purchased in the Penny Magenta. The web page - [British Guiana One-Cent Black on Magenta | Stanley Gibbons \(1c-magenta.com\)](https://www.stanleygibbons.com/1c-magenta) – announces that “You haven’t owned anything like it . . . but soon you can. Stanley Gibbons, The Home of Stamp Collecting is delighted to announce that we have purchased the world’s most famous and valuable stamp. Our intention is to share this with everyone, so in addition to making the stamp available for viewing at the Stanley Gibbons flagship store at 399 Strand, London, we plan to democratize the ownership of this unique item. For the first time ever, you will be able to own your very own piece of the British Guiana 1c Magenta.” The website has a link to register and learn more.

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer’s report. At the end of May 2021, the club had cash assets of \$17,537. Receipts for the month were \$8,917 (including \$8,854 from

sales of stamps), outgo was \$1,915, for a net cash inflow of \$7,002. The Treasurer's report was approved by motion.

Tom Broadhead announced that the APS/ATA/AFDCS "Great American Stamp Show" will be in Chicago on August 12-15. He and several other KPS members plan to attend. The ATA will have a one-page virtual exhibit program, a chance to show off some aspect of your collection, for the fun of it. Exhibits will be a virtual part of GASS.

Bruce Roberts announced that KPS is in the market to purchase a significant US collection and that US stamps within KPS inventory for more than a year are will soon be removed for sale and put in APS circuit sales books.

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Tom Broadhead presented a program, "The Great Sphinx, a Story in Stamps," which he will also present during the August Chicago show on behalf of the ATA.

Adjournment at 7:58 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
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Knoxville Philatelic Society Financial Report

By Thomas Lane

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Club) becoming an American Philatelic Society Chapter, with APS President **Bob Zeigler**, who will give a program on the Mail from Switzerland during World War II. Cake and refreshments will be served. July 24 – Saturday meeting, 8:30-2:00 at Powell Presbyterian Church, 2910 West Emory Rd., Powell, TN 37849.

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ATA's Virtual Exhibit Program

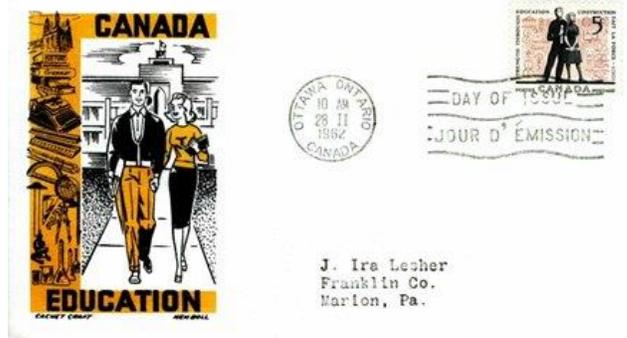
By Tom Broadhead

Do you have a stamp story to tell? If you have always wanted to try exhibiting or want to test the waters for the beginnings of a new exhibit, ATA's "My One-Page Exhibit!" is for you. Submissions may be made until July 15, and the exhibit website will open to the public on August 12, the opening day of GASS.

Give it a try! Go to <http://americantopical.org> and click on the panel in the revolving banner. Details and examples are on that page, along with information about submitting your exhibit!

Wanted!

- Supreme Global or Master Global binders. Contact Carol Costa at lynscar8@earthlink.net.
- Canadian 1962 FDC pictured below. The stamp has a tiny typewriter in the background and the cachet has one at left. There are several FDCs featuring this stamp, but only this Ken Boll cachet also includes a typewriter. Contact Michele Bresso at mmb.philately@gmail.com



- Notes and articles for KPS news. Contact Tom Broadhead at broadhea@utk.edu.

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Retrogaming or stamp collecting?

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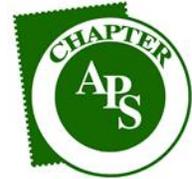


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KPS Celebrates 40th Anniversary as an APS Chapter

By Tom Broadhead

The July 6 meeting of the KPS included a celebration of our becoming a chapter of the American Philatelic Society in July, 1981. We were especially fortunate to have APS President, **Bob Zeigler** as our program speaker, and APS Executive Director, **Scott English** joined the meeting on Zoom. Of the 34 KPS members in attendance, 23 were APS members.



The cake, decorated with the KPS logo, was enjoyed by all.



(left to right) **Tom Broadhead**, APS ambassador; **Brent Marquand**, KPS president; **Bob Zeigler**, APS president; **Bruce Roberts**, charter member of the Expo City Stamp Club – precursor to KPS.

History of the National Society for Crippled Children

By Jim Pettway, with editing and contributions from Michele Bresso

I looked through my collection of United States Cinderella stamps (also referred to as poster stamps) and came across some Help Crippled Children stamps and Easter Seals stamps. Were these stamps issued by the same charity? After doing a little research, I discovered the following information. I also uncovered a puzzle. On the stamps, “Easter Seals” is written as two words. Recently, however, the name on the stamp is now one word: “Easterseals.” Can anyone explain?

In 1907, Ohio businessman Edgar Allen lost his son in a streetcar accident. The lack of adequate medical services available to save his son prompted Allen to sell his business and begin a fund-raising campaign to build a hospital in his hometown of Elyria, Ohio. Through this new hospital, Allen was surprised to learn that children with disabilities were often hidden from public view. Inspired to make a difference, in 1919 Allen founded the National Society for Crippled Children, the first organization of its kind. The launch of fundraising efforts and the organization name change that we know today as Easter Seals began in 1934.



Labels from 1941

Cleveland Plain Dealer cartoonist J.H. Donahey designed the first seal. Donahey based the design on a concept of simplicity because those served by the charity asked "simply for the right to live a normal life." The lily - a symbol of spring - was officially incorporated as the National Society for Crippled Children's logo in 1952 for its association with new life and new beginnings.



The charity stamps were a gummed and perforated envelope "seal" distributed at Easter time. Easterseals are a form of Cinderella or poster stamps. They do not have any postal value. The charity issued the label to bring awareness of and raise funds to help children and adults gain skills to live a fulfilled life, according to the organization's purpose statement.



The labels became so recognized that the organization officially changed its name to Easter Seals in 1967. The two-word name was later combined in the United States branch of the organization into one word, Easterseals.

Today Easterseals are issued by the United States Easterseals charity and by the Canadian Easter Seals charities. These colorful adhesive seals, typically the size of a regular denomination United States postage stamp, are mailed to more than 19 million households across the country every year around Easter. The mailings result in raising over \$13 million to support services to people and families with disabilities. Patrons apply the stamps to mailed envelopes to demonstrate support for the organization and Easterseals' causes.



1973 Easter Seals

Easterseals address the needs of individuals and families throughout their lifespan – from inclusive childcare to respite care –to help people "reach for their full potential." This American 501(c)3 nonprofit provides disability services with additional support areas serving veterans and military families, seniors, and caregivers. Services and programs are tailored based on the needs of the individual and the local community.

In the U.S., Easterseals has a network of 75 locations across the country. Services assist people with physical disabilities, mental disabilities, and special needs. Parents can find support for a child who has a diagnosis at birth, and there are services for people who have a disability due to disease, injury, or aging. Professionals at Easterseals help people overcome barriers, achieve independence, and reach their goals. Easterseals serves not only communities in the United States and Canada but also in Australia, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Like all Cinderellas, Easter Seals are collectible. You will find them for sale on various stamp auction sites. The Stamp Forum, an online philatelic sharing site, has a section dedicated to U.S. Easter Seals, which can be found here:

<https://thestampforum.boards.net/thread/1048/easter-seals>



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Loss of Friends

KPS recently lost two wonderful, stalwart members.

Jean Byrne



Jean Byrne passed away on July 5 at the age of 101. A longtime member of KPS, Jean regularly attended meetings until several years ago, when her health did not allow that. In the 1990s, Jean took an active role in the revision of the KPS constitution, by-laws, and manual of procedures and practices.

The daughter of a philatelist father, she continued to develop his collections and additionally collected recent US issues. The direct descendant of six Mayflower immigrants, she was born in Massachusetts. In addition to KPS, Jean was active in Girl Scouts, League of Women Voters, the Knoxville Fine Arts Council, Knoxville Symphony Guild, and was a great fan of Lady Vol basketball at The University of Tennessee.



(L-R) Stu Hanlein, Randy Haese, Jean Byrne at a KPS meeting.

Steve Stow



Steve Stow passed away on June 30 at the age of 80. Steve was a regular attendee at KPS monthly meetings, was a club program speaker, and a KnoxPEX exhibitor. His talks and exhibits focused on geological topics, including natural poisons, minerals, and radioactivity.

After completing his PhD, he worked in the petroleum industry before taking a faculty position at the University of Alabama. From there, he came to the Knoxville area, working at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he was head of the Geology Department and later Ethics Director for the institution. His civic involvement included being Director of the Oak Ridge Museum of Science and Energy.

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of July, 2021, the club had cash assets of \$25,871. Receipts for the month were \$10,454, outgo was \$2,170, for a

net cash inflow of \$8,284. The Treasurer's report was approved by motion.

Other announcements:

Bruce Roberts of the Stamp Acquisition Committee noted that KPS purchased a significant US collection from the family of a deceased member. Some lots will be auctioned soon. A Saudi Arabia collection has been purchased. **Tom Broadhead**, APS ambassador, introduced **Bob Zeigler**, APS president. Broadhead reminded members that the August 12-15 Great American Stamp Show in Chicago. Several KPS members plan to attend. The next Saturday meeting is July 24th at Powell Presbyterian Church; 9 AM to 1 PM.

Thomas Lane noted significant receipts from APS circuit book sales, including 100% deemed sold from one book that was lost in the mail. **Lori Williams** announced she will resume the Third Sunday program at the Children's Museum in Oak Ridge and noted she needs no further stamp stock for distribution. The Holston Stamp Show will be August 17-18 at the Holiday Inn Johnson City. **Tom Broadhead** showed the 1981 certificate of our club becoming a chapter of the APS.

Program: **Bob Ziegler**, president of the APS presented a program on Swiss mail to the US during World War II. He emphasized difficulties, especially with censorship, before and during the US entry into the war. His presentation included several albums of covers, which he passed around for members' inspection.

Adjournment at 8:10 pm for cake and refreshments.
Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary



Bob Zeigler (left) showed his classic collection of stamps and covers from Switzerland with **Brent Marquand** and **David Anderson**.



KPS had another successful meeting on July 6 at the First Farragut United Methodist Church. Many thanks to **Clark Brekke** for making the arrangements.



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Philately On Demand: Digital Resources to Enhance your Collecting Experience

By Michele Bresso

The pandemic changed philately. When we couldn't meet face to face, we found ways to connect and keep KPS and other organizations alive. We adapted. We experimented.

We Zoomed.

Thanks to the technology utilization spawned by stay-at-home orders, philatelists around the world are now connected in ways like never before. One boon of the enforced physical isolation was the discovery of online resources. Some were always available and others have jumped onto the scene to meet the just-in-time needs of collectors.

Whether you want to build knowledge, learn a philatelic skill, or encourage a grandchild or other young person to collect stamps, the internet is ready to help. This article offers a sampling of online resources available today. The list below features resources in two categories: Philatelic Podcasts and Videos; and Philatelic Websites of Interest. Each includes links that will take you to the resource. Try them out and share your thoughts. If you find something online that isn't on this list (there are many!), share that information, too!

Philatelic Podcasts & Videos

American Topical Association Video Workshops

<https://americantopical.org/page-18163>

Exploring Stamps

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkeSM6aOWfaUPIGb5rPOGyA>

American Philatelic Society Stamp Chats

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AmericasStampClub>

The Postal Service (NPR Throughline Podcast)

<https://www.npr.org/2020/09/02/908836752/the-postal-service>

The Great Post Office Trial (BBC)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m000jf7j>

Titanic Letters

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/titanic-letters/id516503993>

Ted Talks Stamps

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmRTOlKGeXytlYakvDOPN1g>

Voice Mail: the UPU Podcast

<https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Podcast>

Hobbies—Philately (a video deftly presented by a grade-school-aged collector)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wz0dKxmGvI>

Philatelic Websites of Interest

National Postal Museum (Washington, D.C.)

<https://postalmuseum.si.edu/>

The Postal Museum (London)

<https://www.postalmuseum.org/>

The Postal History Foundation (Tucson, AZ)

<https://postalhistoryfoundation.org/>

The Digital Philatelist

<https://thedigitalphilatelist.com/>

The Spellman Museum

<http://www.spellmanmuseum.org/>

A New Philatelic Auction Record!

By Tom Broadhead

A new record price has been achieved for a philatelic rarity. The 1847 envelope with the one penny orange first stamp of Mauritius (Scott 1) sold at a Christoph Gaertner Auction on June 26 for 8.1 million euros (approximately \$11.94 million). Matthew Healey, New York Correspondent for *Linn's* covered this story in a June 30 article ([Mauritius Ball cover sells for almost \\$12 million, an all-time record price \(linns.com\)](https://www.linns.com)).

Healey mentions that the price far exceeds the recent \$8.3 million auction price for the penny magenta stamp from British Guiana, which had sold in 2014 for \$9.48 million.

The cover, shown below, has only the name of the addressee. Stamps had been requested by Lady Gomm, the wife of the British governor of Mauritius, so that she could mail invitations to a ball.

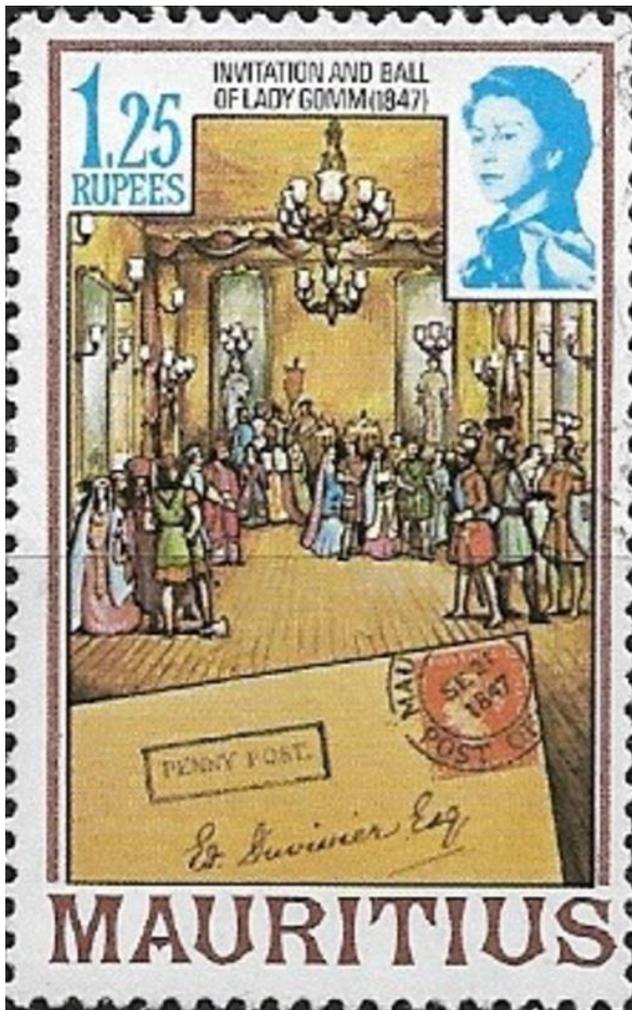


The stamp is distinctive, as the vertical inscription at left reads "POST OFFICE," (above right) instead of "POST PAID," which was a change in design in 1848.



The first stamps of Mauritius, the 1p orange and 2p blue, are exceedingly rare, and only three covers exist – two of which are in the British Royal Collection. The *Scott Catalog* indicates that “All unused examples of the 2p are in museums. There is one unused example of the 1p in private hands. There are two used examples of the 1p in private hands, both of which have small faults and are valued thus.”

At this point, I know that you are all wondering about the success of Lady Gomm’s ball. The image on the Mauritius stamp of 1978 (Scott 456) shows guests in medieval attire and an image of another invitation cover. We can only assume that the event was smashing!



Sadly, only two ball invitation covers exist. Be careful what you discard. Today’s invitation cover may become a latter-day rarity!

Wanted!

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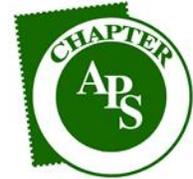
Think of some possibilities. Let’s begin a discussion at the August KPS meeting. A decision should be made at the September meeting to allow time to start publicity.

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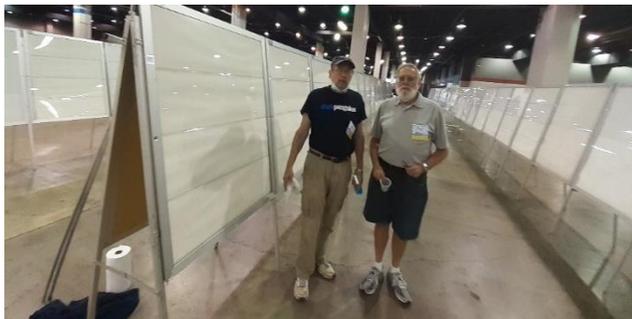


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GASS Was a Gas!

By Tom Broadhead

Last month's Great American Stamp Show (GASS) was a welcome return to the normalcy of a major stamp show and attracted a large crowd, including several KPS members who made the trip to Chicago. **Thomas Lane, Bruce Roberts, and Gerald Schroedl** volunteered with the setup of exhibits on Wednesday, and **Tom Broadhead** spent time volunteering at the American Topical Association's booth. Of course, ATA president Dawn Hamman and APS executive director Scott English – both KPS members – were there. Others included **Mike and Carol Downs, Bob Ceo, and Lori Williams.**



Gerald Schroedl (r) and Thomas Lane (l) check the endless rows of exhibit frames, getting ready to mount exhibits. Photo by Bruce Roberts.

In addition to a great bourse of dealers, including \$1 cover dealers, there were many society meetings, talks, and social gatherings. There were three first day ceremonies, including the US Backyard Games set. More than 800 frames of exhibits featured a broad range of subjects, and KPS member **Dawn Hamman** showed "How to Grow Tomatoes" (1 frame – large vermeil award) and "The Jewel City - Postcards of the Panama Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915" (multiple frame – gold award). **Tom Broadhead** gave his talk on "The Great Sphynx of Egypt – a Story in Stamps," which he had previewed for KPS. More

on the show is at the American Philatelic Society website – <http://stamps.org>



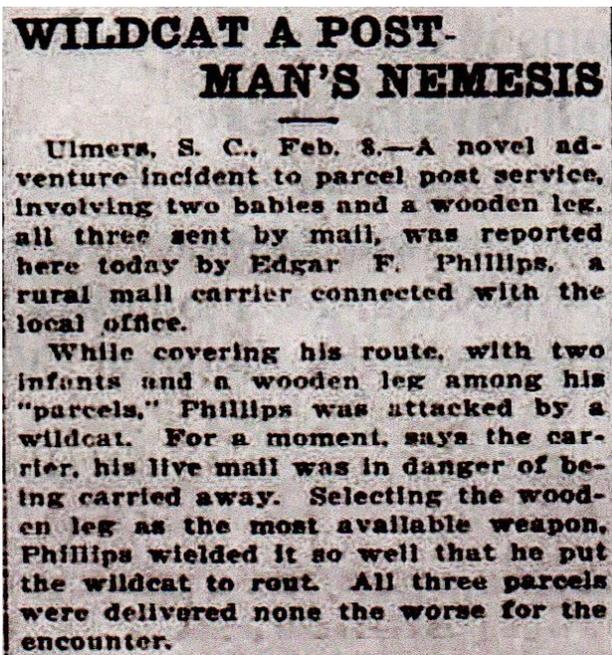
KPS members at GASS – l-r: **Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, Tom Broadhead, Dawn Hamman, Mike Downs, Carol Downs**

A virtual component of the show was "My One-Page Exhibit!" sponsored by the American Topical Society. The concept of **Dawn Hamman**, the virtual exhibit was coordinated by KPS members **Michele Bresso** and **Tom Broadhead**. Several KPS members submitted exhibits: **Michele Bresso** ("Communication through the Ages," "Wild, Mild, Heraldic – Cats of the World," "Iolani Palace: Royal Residence on U.S. Soil," "Maine Coon Cats: Gentle Giants," "Peter Mitterhoffer: The Man Who Almost Invented the Commercial Typewriter," "RMS Queen Mary," "Willie Mays"), **Tom Broadhead** ("The 'Architecture' Postal Design of the Exposition des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes – Paris, 1925," "The Sinking of the Russie, 1901"), **Carol Costa** ("16th Zionist Congress," "Ratification of the 19th Amendment," "The Right to Vote," "The U.S. Flag"), **Dawn Hamman** ("It's Time To Get Rid of the Pandemic Pounds"), and **Jim Pettway** ("History of Easterseals"). You can see these among the 216 exhibits in 13 categories at the American Topical Association website – <http://americantopical.org>.

What's in the Mail?

By Tom Broadhead

I read with great interest the column, "People sent by mail during the early years of parcel post," by Linn's columnist John Hotchner (August 23, 2021, p. 6-8). He included the following newspaper article from February 8, 2013.



That got me thinking about other odd things that used to pass through the mail. Today, most postal regulations do not allow these, or at least they require additional fees for being non-machinable.

One of my favorite keepsakes is the cloth bag of pine needles that my aunt and uncle mailed to me from Mackinac Island on August 29, 1950, only a few weeks after I was born. The two cent defense definitive of 1942 paid the third class postage.



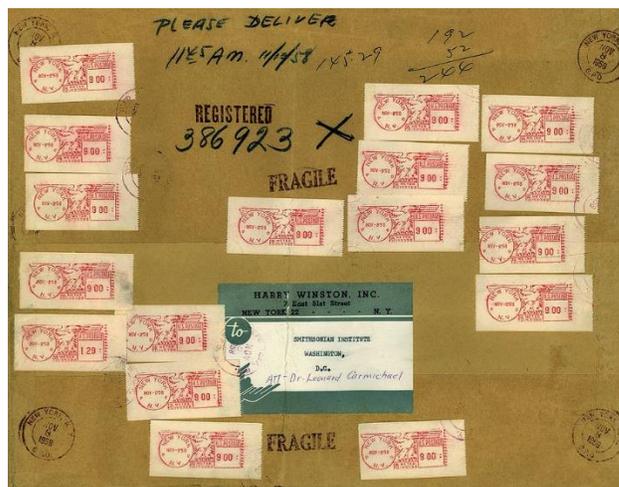
What is the strangest object that you have received in the mail? Send me a photo and explanation for an upcoming newsletter.

I have searched online for mailed oddities, and there are plenty to see. The one above at right is at the top of my list for unusual items mailed. It is half of the jaw of a farm animal, mailed third class with a 1½ cent

Harding stamp. The jaw is addressed to Mr. D.E. McKenzie, president of the automobile club of British Columbia, and the photo below also shows his membership card.



Sometimes the package contains something not so obvious. An incredible example of this is the mailer below.



This item is part of the US national collection in the National Postal Museum. Its history is described, "When New York jeweler Harry Winston donated the famous Hope Diamond – all 45.52 carats of it – to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., he chose a familiar, trusted carrier to transport the jewel: the Post Office Department. "It's the safest way to mail gems," Winston told The Evening Star (Washington, D.C.). "I've sent gems all over the world that way." On November 8, 1958, he sent the precious stone via registered, First-Class Mail, from New York City to the Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The postage cost him \$2.44, plus \$142.85 for \$1

million worth of insurance. On November 10, Letter Carrier James G. Todd picked up the diamond at the City Post Office and drove to the Natural History building. He entered by a side door, took the elevator to the Gem Room, and delivered the package to Leonard Carmichael, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Todd admitted to being a little "shaky," according to a story in *The Washington Post* the next day, not because of the diamond's value or reputed curse but because he was unused to so much attention when he did his job." Note at the top the bold handwritten message "please deliver." Well, that goes without saying!



The Hope Diamond (above) is one of the most famous and most valuable gems in the world. It weighs 45.52 carats. It can be seen in the gems gallery of the National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution. Its long history is described at [History of the Hope Diamond | Smithsonian Institution \(si.edu\)](https://www.si.edu/history-of-the-hope-diamond).

The Yogi Berra Postage Stamp

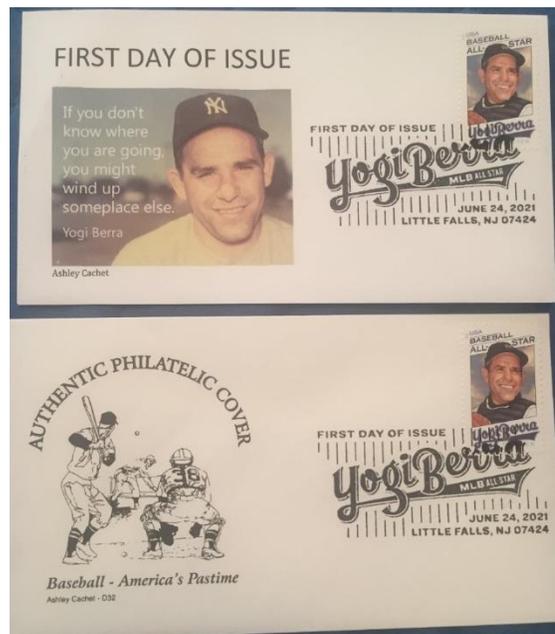
By Don Ashley

On June 24, 2021, in Little Falls, NJ, the USPS issued a stamp for the sixth Yankee baseball player to be honored. Yogi was a super catcher for many years and was also famous for his "Yogi-isms." Many of these are still heard today, such as:

- If you come to a fork in the road, take it!
- Nobody goes there anymore because it's too crowded!
- A dime ain't worth a nickel anymore.
- I don't believe I said all the things I said.
- Pair up in threes
- If you don't know where you are going, you might end up somewhere else!
- It's deja vu all over again!

And so may more cool sayings.

Here are two FDC's produced for Yogi Berra from Ashley Cachets. They are available on eBay and from Don Ashley directly.



KPS Members Have a Great Time with New Silent Auctions

By Bruce Roberts

The Knoxville Philatelic Society recently was fortunate enough to purchase the extensive US stamp collection of a local collector. Contained therein were many of key US issues that are missing from many, if not most, US collections. And many had certificates of authenticity.

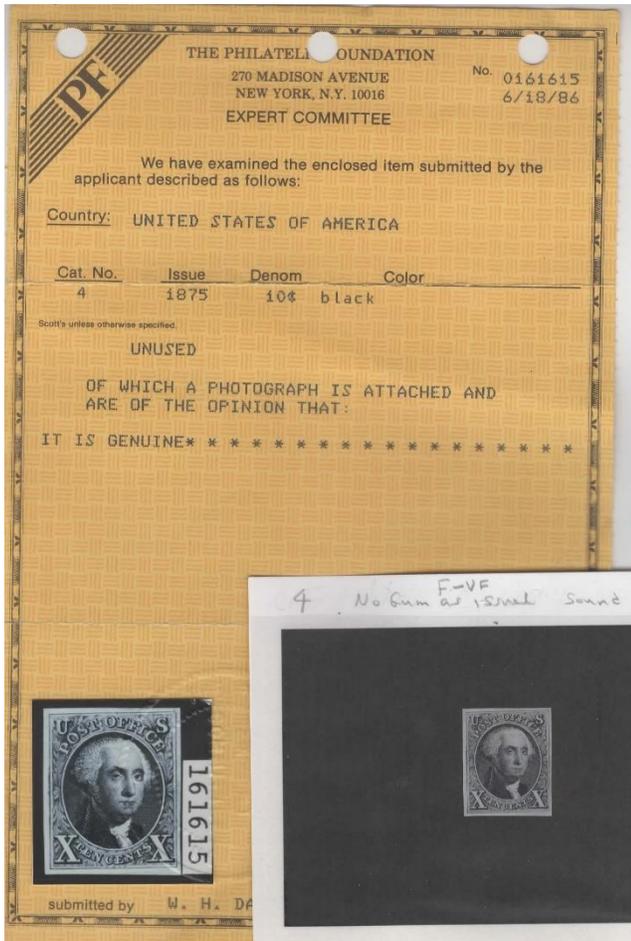
What was the best and fairest way to give our members the opportunity to own such classic stamps as US #1 & #2, the Dollar Columbians, the Zeppelins and the high value regular issues? We didn't want to just put them in the inventory, publish the inventory, and then have the first member who discovered we have a classic stamp for sale to say, "Aha," and be the buyer. We wanted all the membership to have a chance at purchasing these sought-after stamps.

So we decided to prepare and hold a series of silent auctions. The best stamps were prepared as lots on silent auction bid sheets. Bids could be made in person at club meetings, by writing on the bid sheet a bid higher than any made to that point, or by emailing bids to me. The auctions end at a specific time during one of the regular club meetings. Winners who are present can claim their prizes there; winners who cannot attend have their lots mailed to them.

A series of seven silent auctions, each lasting 10-20 days will be needed to sell all the great stamps in this purchase. The bidding has been fast and furious. KPS webmaster **Jim Pettway** has helped a great deal by making it possible to display the latest bids in the

current auction on the front page of the KPS website. Members can look there anytime to see how high the bidding has gone on their favorite stamp.

This collection was a very unusual purchase for KPS, much more valuable than we generally find at auctions and other sources. There are hundreds of stamps that catalog \$10 to \$250 that we just put into our regular stock, but the big stars are all in the auctions. Auctions will continue through September and into October. So place your bids and fill those tough spaces!!



All 20 lots in the auction ending August 21 sold, and this very fine example of Scott 4, with an accompanying certificate of authenticity, sold for \$700. The highlight of the group was the very fine copy of Scott 263 (right), which sold for \$1,150.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 24 members in attendance and 5 attended via Zoom. President **Brent Marquand** presided.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of June, 2021, the club had cash assets of \$16,695. Receipts for the month were \$14,012 (including sale of KPS stamps of \$13,967), outgo was \$16,430 (including purchase of stamps of \$15,992), for a net cash outflow of \$2,418. The Treasurer's report was approved as by motion.

Other announcements:

Tom Broadhead noted that at least five KPS members are headed to the August 12-15 Great American Stamp Show in Chicago. He and **Michele Bresso** have headed up the ATA one-page virtual exhibit program.

Thomas Lane noted that the Stamp Acquisition Committee is attending an August auction at Kelleher.

For KnoxPEX 2022, there is need for a chair of the show and a bourse chair (who coordinates dealers). **Tom Broadhead** recommended a country and western music theme centered on four recently issued USPS stamps showcasing western wear apparel. He noted that clipart is available for the theme. This was approved by the membership.

The holiday luncheon has been scheduled at Lake-shore Tavern in December.

An auction of member material will be featured at the October KPS meeting. **Lance Limoges** announced that there will be significant KPS covers offered in the auction.

There was a call for programs to be presented at meetings. Please speak to **Tom Handler**, VP.

Thomas Lane presented the program, "Fakes and Forgeries on US Naval Covers," about covers issued on US Navy vessels.

Adjournment at 7:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board of Directors Meeting

The board of directors of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. There were

six members in attendance, and three attended via Zoom. President **Brent Marquand** presided.

There was discussion of several topics:

Auction: there will be an auction of member lots at the October meeting. **Lance Limoges** stated there would be significant KPS covers offered within the auction.

Thomas Lane noted that the KPS is in good financial shape and is ready to spend at an August auction. The Christmas party has been scheduled at Lakeside Tavern.

KnoxPEX: many of the arrangements are in place. There is need of a show chair. **Tom Broadhead** presented a theme centered around the four stamps issued recently by USPS on western wear.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

KnoxPEX 2022 Theme Country & Western Music

By Tom Broadhead

The KPS board and membership voted at the August meetings to accept a proposal of “Country & Western Music” as the theme for KnoxPEX 2022. The stamps to be used will be the recent “Western Wear” issue. With four different stamp designs, there will be single cachets and sets available at the show.



The stamps showing a western-style hat, belt buckle, shirt, and boot are sold in a booklet of 20. Currently, that is \$11.00, but that will increase to \$11.60 on August 29, 2021, when letter postage rates increase to 58 cents.

Southeastern Stamp Expo January 28-30, 2022

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, of which KPS is a member, has announced initial details of next year's Southeastern Stamp Expo – www.sefsc.org. The show will be at the same hotel as in previous years – the Hilton Atlanta Northeast. A special hotel rate for the show has been negotiated. Show admission is \$5, covering all three days. KPS typically has a large group attending, so start making your plans!

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September 7 – monthly meeting. **Live!** At First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733, Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37934 and remotely by **Zoom**. Program: Fake Stamps of the World, by **Thomas Lane**.

September 25 – Saturday KPS Meeting, Powell Presbyterian Church, 2910 W. Emory Rd, Powell, TN. Stamp sales – from 9 until 1.

October 5 – monthly meeting. **Live!** At First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733, Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37934. This is our annual Stamp Collecting Month live auction. There will not be a Zoom component.

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Swapping and Selling at KPS Meetings is for Everyone!

Carrying on a long KPS tradition, don't forget that you can bring your extra stamps to swap or sell to members at KPS meetings! Your "trash" (well, stamps would never be trash) might be someone else's treasure.

Visit KPS on the web by scanning the QR code.

Check for meeting updates!

Write for KPS News!



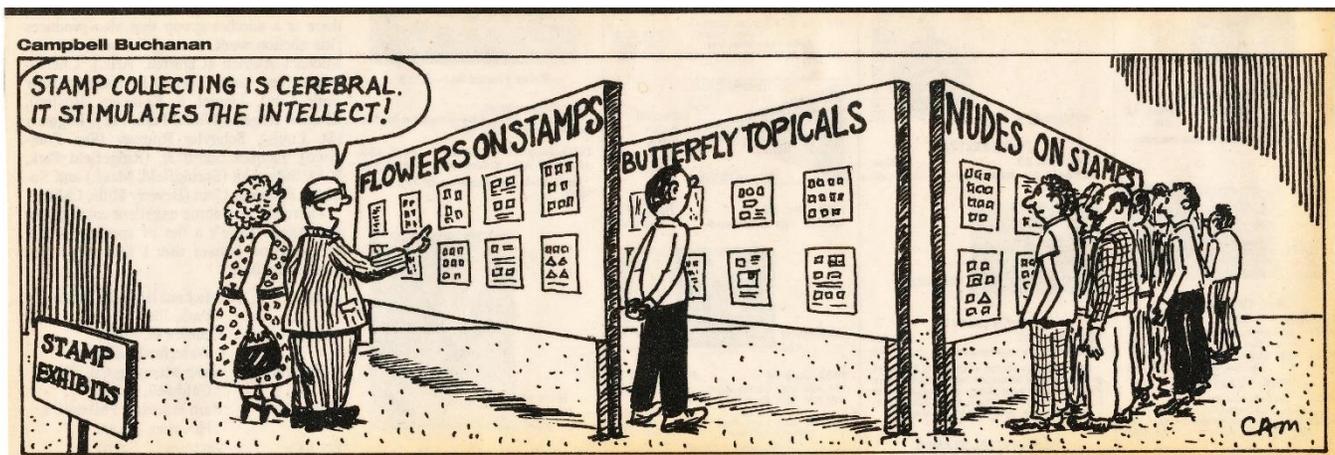
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Knoxville Philatelic Society – Live Auction – October 5, 2021

The KPS program for the October monthly meeting will be a live auction. Remember that October is **Stamp Collecting Month**, and this is your big chance to add to your collection. Dig through your stamp closet, stamp den, under your bed, or any other place that you keep your collections, and see if you have a few **stamps, covers, or supplies** that you don't need or want anymore.

Get Ready for the Auction.

1. Print and complete the form. **Bring two copies to the meeting.**
2. Number your lots to correspond to the numbering on your form.
3. Create tags with descriptions that match the descriptions on your form and lot numbers to go with each of your lots
4. If you are selling stamps, it will be helpful to list a current Scott catalog number and catalog value – remember that even retail dealers sell stamps usually at 50% or less of Scott catalog value.
5. Briefly describe what the lot is (are the stamps MNH – mint unhinged, or unused – hinged, or used?). The auctioneers will use your description when they announce each of your lots (and they may have some additional interesting stories to tell!).
6. Is there a minimum price, below which you don't want to sell? If so, indicate that in the “Min. Bid” column so the auctioneers will know not to sell your lot for less.
7. Bring your tagged auction lots and two copies of this form to the October meeting.

At the Auction

1. Try to get to the meeting early. We will display all auction lots on tables for viewing before the auction begins.
2. Bring your checkbook!
3. Check in with the auctioneers to be sure that your lots match your owner list.
4. Get a bidder number card so that you can raise it frequently during the auction to purchase treasured items from fellow KPS members. Don't worry about accidentally winning a bid when you thought you were just scratching your nose!
5. Wait patiently after the auction while sales are tallied. When your bidder number is called, you can settle up with the KPS treasurer.
6. Wait just a little bit more to get a check in the mail from the KPS treasurer for your sales.

Be on the lookout for “must have” items at bargain prices! For example . . .



**All auction proceeds go to the lot owners.
Come to the meeting and have fun at the auction!**

KPS October Live Auction – Owner List Owner Name _____

Please neatly print or type to complete this form. Print and bring two copies to the meeting.

Owner Lot #	Catalog # and Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Min. Bid	Bidder #	Bid
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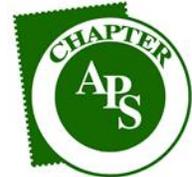
Please read accompanying instructions.

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Happy National Stamp Collecting Month!

By Tom Broadhead

It's October, and that means it's National Stamp Collecting Month. Begun in 1981, this is the 40th anniversary of the most important (for us) month of the year. I scoured the internet and found the best account, copied below, on the Mystic Stamp Company website [Happy National Stamp Collecting Month! — Mystic Stamp Discovery Center.](#)



“On October 1, 1981, the USPS began its very first National Stamp Collecting Month, a celebration that continues to this day.

The USPS and the Council of Philatelic Organizations created National Stamp Collecting Month in 1981. In announcing the annual celebration, then-Postmaster General William F. Bolger encouraged “employees and customers alike to discover the joy of stamp collecting – the hobby of a lifetime.”

That first year, the USPS produced a Souvenir Card picturing two stamps – US #245, the \$5 Columbian, and #1918, the 1981 “Benefiting Mankind” stamp from that year’s Space Achievement issue. The theme

that first year was “Discover Stamp Collecting – the Hobby of a Lifetime.”



In 1982, another souvenir card was issued, picturing US #C3a, the legendary Inverted Jenny. The 1983 card pictured US #293, the Mississippi River Bridge from the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. The theme that year was “Discover the Beauty and Lore of Stamp Collecting... the Hobby of a Lifetime.” The 1984 card pictured US #2104, the Family Unity stamp, to go with the theme “Fall in Love with Stamp Collecting – A Family Hobby.”

In 1985, the USPS issued its first stamps specifically for National Stamp Collecting Month, picturing different breeds of horses. Ever since they’ve issued a set of stamps most years in early October or late September to celebrate National Stamp Collecting Month. Often, these stamps are geared toward children, to help increase interest in a new generation of collectors.

And whether or not a new set of stamps is issued each year, the USPS and local stamp groups often stage National Stamp Collecting Month events. Many years the USPS has also created special National Stamp Collecting Month cancellations.”

Here is the USPS National Stamp Collecting Month postal cancel that we used for the October 2005 KPS News.



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Guest Author

This month's principal article is by Edward Smith, a philatelist from Brooklyn, New York. He started from a family accumulation but only began organizing it in the last few years, investing heavily in Vario stock pages! Rationing is something that few of us have personally experienced, but our parents and grandparents often shared stories of wartime rationing. Edward shares with us not only some interesting history of World War II rationing but also a personal interest from his grandmother's ration books.

My Grandmother, Ann Nora Bishop & The Office of Price Administration 1941-1946

By Edward S. Smith

The Office of Price Administration (OPA) was created on 28 August 1941. The creation of the Office of Price Administration is complicated and involves mergers of administrative bodies, administrative orders, executive orders, and acts of Congress:

- On 11 April 1941, the Price Stabilization and Consumer Protection Divisions of the Council of National Defense Advisory Commission were merged into the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply (OPACS).
- The Civil Supply function of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply were separated from OPACS to become the Office of Production Management.
- The Price Administration functions of OPACS were assigned to the Office of Price Administration by Executive Order No. 8875 on 28 August 1941, to administer price controls and rent controls from

within the Office for Emergency Management (OEM).

- The Office for Emergency Management predates the Office of Price Administration. It was organized on 25 May 1940 by an administrative order. It worked within the Executive Office of the President of the United States, in accordance with Executive Order No. 8248, issued 8 September 1939.
- The Emergency Price Control Act, HR 5990, was passed and signed on 30 January 1942. It made the Office of Price Control an independent agency.

The OPA started out with price controls and rent control. It soon expanded into regulating the prices of all commodities in the United States except agricultural products. Those commodities included:

- Tires
- Automobiles
- Leather Shoes
- Men's Rubber Boots
- Rubber Work Shoes
- Nylon
- Sugar
- Gasoline
- Fuel Oil
- Coffee
- Meats
- Liquor
- Processed Foods

Prices were regulated with a system of local price boards, ration stamps with assigned values expressed in points, and certificates for which consumers and vendors submitted applications to the OPA. It issued four War Ration Books between 1942 and 1943.

- Book 1, May of 1942
- Book 2, January of 1943
- Book 3, May of 1943
- Book 4, October of 1943 (??)

Sheets of 48 1 x ½ inch ration stamps (next page and below) were included in each ration book.





My grandmother, Ann Nora Bishop, was issued War Ration Book No 3, Serial Number 353297 (AF) and War Ration Book Four, Serial Number 52601 (DU) (below).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

363237 AF

WAR RATION BOOK No. 3 Void if altered

Identification of person to whom issued: PRINT IN FULL

Ann *N* *Bishop*
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Street number or rural route _____
 City or post office _____ State _____

AGE	SEX	WEIGHT Lbs.	HEIGHT Ht. In.	OCCUPATION

SIGNATURE _____
(Person to whom book is issued. If such person is unable to sign because of age or incapacity, another may sign in his behalf.)

WARNING
 This book is the property of the United States Government. It is unlawful to sell it to any other person, or to use it or permit anyone else to use it, except to obtain rationed goods in accordance with regulations of the Office of Price Administration. Any person who finds a lost War Ration Book must return it to the War Price and Rationing Board which issued it. Persons who violate rationing regulations are subject to \$10,000 fine, imprisonment, or both.

OPA Form No. R-130

NOT VALID WITHOUT STAMP

LOCAL BOARD ACTION

Issued by _____ (Local board number) _____ (Date)
 Street address _____
 City _____ State _____
 _____ (Signature of issuing officer)

No 52601DU

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

WAR RATION BOOK FOUR

Issued to *Anna N Bishop*
(Print first, middle, and last names)

Complete address *17771 Canine*
Detroit Michigan

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In accepting this book, I recognize that it remains the property of the United States Government. I will use it only in the manner and for the purposes authorized by the Office of Price Administration.

Void if Altered _____
(Signature)

It is a criminal offense to violate rationing regulations.

OPA Form R-145

This photograph of Grandma and my mother, Maryann Cynthia Bishop, at Rogers City (on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, on the shores of Lake Huron) dates to winter, 1943. I include it as a kind of chain of title, linking me to Ann Nora Bishop's World War II ration books.



At the peak of its regulatory power over the United States economy, the OPA had frozen the prices of 90% of all food retail prices and even the rental of typewriters (below).

Form OPA R-403 (Revised 12-28-42) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 08-R295-43

TYPEWRITER RENTAL CERTIFICATE SERIAL NO. 507160

This is to certify that at any time within 30 days from the date hereof

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ County _____ State _____

May rent _____ (Number) Class B typewriters for _____ (Rental Period) Months
pursuant to Ration Order No. 4A (Typewriters) and at prices not to exceed the maximum rental rates established by Maximum Price Regulation 162 of the Office of Price Administration.

Local Board No. _____ By _____ (Signature of Issuing Officer)
 City _____ County _____ State _____
(Date)

This copy to be retained by lessor. (OVER)

How did the Office of Price Administration administer those ration stamps and the assigning of those points? [Read the answer to this question and learn more about rationing and ration stamps next month!]

A Word About Facebook

by Jim Pettway

There are now 66 Knoxville Philatelic Society members on the [Knoxville Philatelic Society Facebook](#) page. KPS has approximately 160 members. So, only 41% are KPS Facebook Group members. We need to do better than this! To join the KPS Facebook Group and post articles or questions, you must be a KPS member and have an individual Facebook account. Anyone, member or non-member, can view KPS Facebook pages but only members can post.

So why join? By joining you will be able to:

- post philatelic items for sale.
- let others know about stamp shows in the area.
- ask for help in identifying stamps.
- **Message** other KPS Facebook members.
- post philatelic article of immediate interest.
- ask for help with the history of a stamp or cover.

Being able to join the KPS Facebook Group is just one more benefit of membership in KPS. Join today!

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of August, the club had cash assets of \$18,647. Receipts for the month were \$17,397 (incl. stamp sales of \$17,377), outgo was \$22,204, for a net cash outflow of \$4,807. The Treasurer's report was approved by motion.

Announcements:

Stamp Acquisition Committee: **Bruce Roberts** noted that there has been intense buying and selling (much via KPS auctions) during the last month. Thirty APS circuit books have been submitted so far this year. **Tom Broadhead**, APS representative, noted that our website and newsletter have been submitted for APS awards. IndyPex will be held in Noblesville (north of Indianapolis), IN on Oct 1-3. **Thomas Lane** announced that contracts have been sent to dealers who intend to participate in KnoxPEX 2022. He also noted that the holiday party meal will be held the first Saturday in December. **Jim Pettway** noted that the October KPS auction participation information has been sent to members via email.

Program: **Thomas Lane** presented "Fake Stamps of the World," which included circulating several books on the subject and many examples. Some forgeries are so common that catalogue value is based on the value of the forgery. Perforations, postmarks, and overprints can all be forged. There were many questions at the end of the presentation.

Adjournment at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, Secretary

Stamp of the Month

With a printed newsletter for National Stamp Collecting Month, we again have a Stamp of the Month. The stamp is a 2021 issue of Japan, and it has been noticed because the denomination – 1 Yen – makes it an unusually low value. At current exchange rates, 1 Yen is equivalent to only \$0.009 – not quite a penny. These are self-adhesive stamps with gutters around them, making it easy to cut and hinge the 163 copies for this newsletter. These stamps are a gift from **Tom Broadhead**.



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November 2 – monthly meeting. **Live and by Zoom.** At First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733, Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37934. Program TBA.

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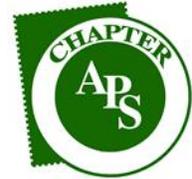


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KPS Stamp Collecting Month Live Auction

By Tom Broadhead

What a night it was! The October 5 monthly KPS meeting was our annual Stamp Collecting Month live auction. Auctioneers **David Anderson** and **Tom Broadhead** worked through more than 100 lots (below) – one going as cheaply as 5 cents! That ties a previous low record from several years ago. But, in addition to that auction, there was also the successful conclusion of the KPS silent auction, which featured the spectacular find of a certified used copy of Scott 141A (see article that follows). At the end of the silent auction, lots with multiple bidders were opened for live bidding. After a spirited back and forth, **Robbie Crabtree** (below) is now the owner of that great stamp.



Bidders and sellers eagerly await the live auction.



Robbie Crabtree (left) was high bidder for the Scott 141A discovered by the Stamp Acquisition Committee (SAC chair **Bruce Roberts** at right).

Discovery of a Rare Stamp in a KPS Purchase – How We Did It.

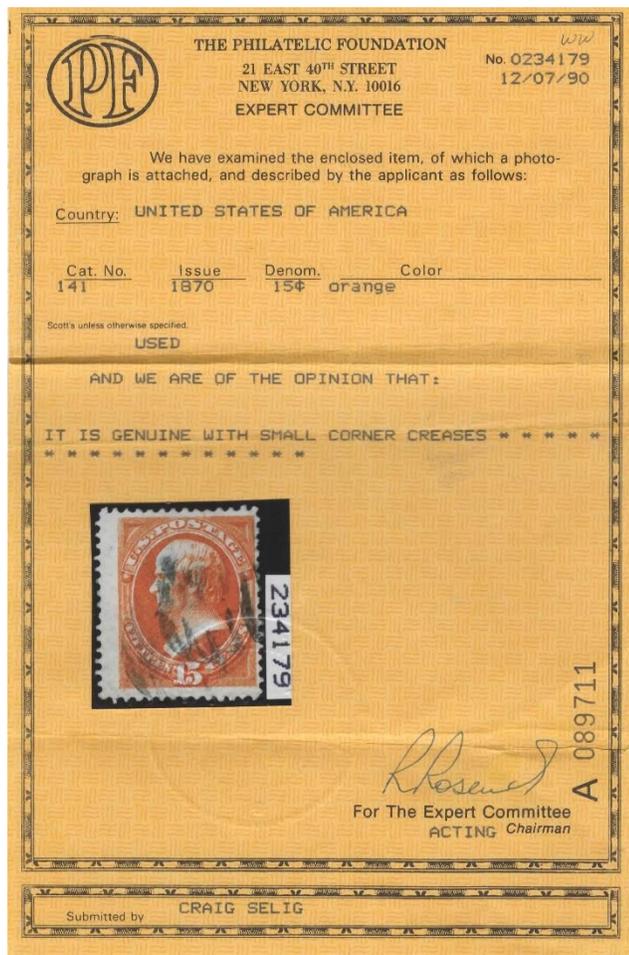
By Bruce Roberts

In June 2021, KPS purchased the US collection of a long time KPS member. The collection was very complete and has offered KPS a chance to fill a lot of empty spaces in our members' collections through our silent auction program.

Among the stamps in that collection was a 15-cent banknote issue (below), with a 1990 certificate of authenticity (following page) that said it was a genuine US 141.



The stamp, showing American politician Daniel Webster was issued in April 1870 and has a Scott catalog value of \$1500.



The Philatelic Foundation certificate, December 7, 1990, certifying the stamp as a genuine example of Scott 141.

US 141 contains a grill and that is the critical piece of information for the following series of events. First, what is a grill? After the Civil War, correspondence exploded in the US, with the number of letters growing exponentially. Some people discovered that the ink used to cancel stamps, often applied with cork handstamps, or just pen cancellations, could be removed by various means, and the stamps reused. This cost the post office money, and they looked for a way to prevent this. Without going into the long history of devices invented, the final solution was to impress into the stamp paper a “waffle iron” of impressions. (below)



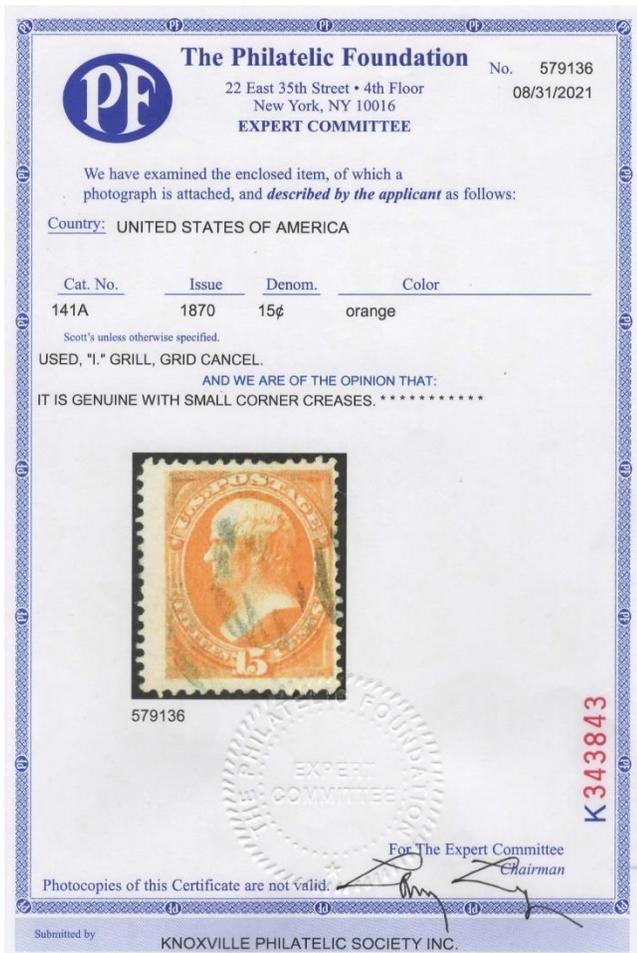
The idea was that the ink would sink into the impressions and be very difficult to completely remove. The first grills were impressed into stamps currently in use about 1866. Initially grills covered the whole stamp, but this was unsatisfactory, so the grilling “irons” were filed down so less of the stamp was covered. Over time as the grills wore, their size was reduced again and again, and we have a lot of catalog numbers reflecting this reduction. When the pictorial issue of 1869 was issued the grills were much smaller. Beginning with the first all-over grill as the “A” grill, the successively reduced-in-size grills were designated by the stamp catalog editors as, B, C, D, etc.

The bank note issues were designed and printed in 1870. The National Bank Note Company still had the printing contract and the grilling machine and they continued to grill the first of the bank note stamps. At some point they made one more reduction in the size of the grills. They printed very few grilled stamps before the entire grilling operation was abandoned. The first grill applied to the banknotes is designated the “H” grill, and the second the “I” grill. However, these two designations were not determined until after 1990.

Returning to the 1990 certificate, we knew that the stamp has a grill, that the stamp is genuine, and that it has a corner crease. What we didn't know is which grill it has. The grill on this stamp is very visible in watermark fluid. The “H” grill is about 10 mm x 12 mm, whereas the “I” grill is about 8.5 mm x 10 mm. While all of this is tiny, the “I” grill is noticeably smaller to the eye. I measured it as best I could and concluded there was a good chance this was an “I” grill. We needed to resubmit this to the Philatelic Foundation, along with the original certificate, and request that they issue a new certificate with an “H” grill determination (US Scott 141) or an “I” grill determination (US Scott 141A).

Thomas Lane and I took the stamp to the Great American Stamp Show in Chicago in August. One of the great things about the National Stamp Show is that the certifying agencies have booths, and you can submit stamps and covers for certification and discuss the items with representatives of the agencies. Thomas took the stamp and 1990 certification to the Philatelic Foundation booth and submitted it. Then we waited and hoped.

On September 16, I went to the KPS PO box and retrieved the returned stamp with a new certificate. The new certificate (following page) declares that the stamp is “catalog #141A, I grill, grid cancel, genuine with corner crease”.



Scott 141A is so scarce that the catalog value of \$8,500 used (2021 Scott US Specialized Catalog) is in italics, meaning that so few are seen in auctions or dealers' sales that the value can't be easily determined.

The stamp was offered to KPS members in our silent auction that closed on October 5. The lucky member who acquired this rare stamp won it for \$3,500!

My Grandmother, Ann Nora Bishop & The Office of Price Administration 1941-1946 – part 2

By Edward S. Smith

Last month's installment of this article ended with the question – "How did the Office of Price Administration administer those ration stamps and the assigning of those points?"

This *New Point Ration Chart* (above right) published by the OPA on 29 March 1943, focusing on "Canned And Bottled" goods, illustrates how. The instructions (following page) on how to use those ration books and stamps are detailed and exacting. Pay close attention to Instructions 3 and 4.

New Point Ration Chart

BLUE STAMP Rationed Foods . . . Effective Mar. 29, 1943.
 Ration Points indicated by Numerals 0

CANNED AND BOTTLED							
CAN SIZE	2	2½	3*	CAN SIZE	2	2½	3*
APPLESAUCE	14			ASPARAGUS	14	21	
APRICOTS		24		BEANS: FRESH LIMA	19	28	
BERRIES (Except)	14	21		BEANS: GREEN, WAX	14	21	
CHERRIES Maraschino	14	21		BEETS (Also Pickled)	10	15	
FRUIT SALAD		24		CATSUP, CHILI SAUCE			
FRUIT COCKTAIL		24		(7 for 8 oz.; 10 for 12, 14 oz.)			
GRAPEFRUIT	10			CORN (B No. 2 vac.)	14		
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE	4		9	CORN ON COB (2 per ear)			
GRAPE JUICE (4 pint, 8 qt.)				PEAS	16		
PEACHES		24		SPINACH		17	
PEARS		21		TOMATOES	16	24	
PINEAPPLE	19	28		TOMATO JUICE	10		22
PINEAPPLE JUICE	10		22	TOMATO PASTE, SAUCE			
OTHER FRUITS		15		(6 for 6 oz.; 8 for 8 oz.)			
OTHER FRUIT JUICES	4		9	TOMATO PRODUCTS	16	24	
(12 oz. 3)				(1 picnic-10)			
3* = No. 3 cylinder can				OTHER VEGETABLES	14	21	
BABY FOOD (1 small jar)				OTHER VEG. JUICES	8		20
(2 large jar)				SOUPS (1 size, No. 1 picnic)	6		
FROZEN				DRIED, DEHYDRATED			
CHERRIES, PEACHES, STRAWBERRIES	13			PEAS, BEANS, LENTILS	4		per lb.
RHUBARB	6			ALL FRUITS REQUIRE NO POINTS			
ALL OTHER FRUITS	10			SOUP: 1 up to 2 oz.			
ASPARAGUS, LIMAS, PEAS, SPINACH	10			2 up to 4 oz.			
BAKED BEANS, SQUASH	8						
CORN, GREEN & WAX BEANS	7						
CORN ON COB (2 per ear)							
ALL OTHER VEGETABLES	6						

AP Features

This point ration chart replaces the previous chart based on March 1 values. Clip it out and paste it in your ration book No. 2.

Re-read Instructions 3 and 4 on the following page. The process of using those ration stamps to redeem those assigned points was not simple and uncomplicated.

The OPA published announcements like these in newspapers throughout the country to inform users which ration stamps were valid, for which commodity, when, and until when.



Use Your OLD Ration Book for SUGAR and COFFEE

HOW TO USE YOUR NEW RATION BOOK

TO BUY CANNED OR BOTTLED FRUITS, VEGETABLES, SOUPS, AND JUICES; FROZEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES; DRIED FRUITS

1. The Government has set the day when this rationing will start. On or after that day, take your War Ration Book Two with you when you go to buy any kind of these processed foods.



YOU GIVE MANY POINTS FOR SCARCE FOODS



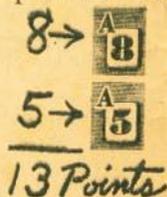
YOU GIVE LESS POINTS FOR FOODS THAT ARE NOT SO SCARCE

2. Before you buy, find out how many points to give for the kind of processed foods you want. Prices do not set the points. The Government will set different points for each kind and size no matter what the price. Your grocer will put up the official list of points where you can see it. It will also be in the newspapers. The points will not change just because the prices do.

3. When you buy, take the right amount of blue stamps out of the book. Do this in front of your grocer or delivery man and hand them to him. The grocer must collect a ration stamp, or stamps, for all the rationed processed foods he sells. Every rationed processed food will take points as well as money.



4. Do not use more stamps than you need to make up the right amount. For example, if the food you buy calls for 13 points it is better to tear out an 8-point and a 5-point stamp than two 5-point stamps and a 2- and a 1-point stamp. Save your smaller point stamps for low-point foods. You can take the stamps from more than one book belonging to your household if you need to.



5. Every person in your household, including children of any age, has a total of 48 points to use for all these processed foods for one ration period. This means that you may use ALL the blue stamps marked A, B, and C from all the books during the first period. You may use as many of the blue A, B, and C stamps as you wish at one time. When they are used up you will not be able to buy any more of these processed foods till the next stamps are good. The Government will announce the date when the next stamps are good.



6. Use your household's points carefully so that you will not run out of stamps. And buy with care to make your points come out even, because the grocer will not be able to give you change in stamps. Use high-point stamps first, if you can.

IMPORTANT
You may use ALL the books of the household to buy processed foods for the household. Anyone you wish can take the ration books to the store to do the buying for you or your household.



We cannot afford to waste food or give some people more than their fair share. . . . That is why canned fruits and vegetables are rationed and that is why meat is going to be rationed. Rationing of some foods is the best and fairest way to be sure that every American gets enough to eat.

These published images come from the website - www.genealogytoday.com. The site attributes the above clipping to 28 May 1945. Wherever the clippings do not provide a publication date, I have used the dates provided by the site.

The page below of Airplane Ration Stamps from Book No. 3 is missing Stamps 1, 2, and 3. Several OPA announcements declared, “Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 good indefinitely” with “no plans to cancel any” for the purchase of shoes.



Grandma bought shoes. You could buy up to three pairs of leather shoes per year, in six shades of leather. I cannot with certainty say when Ann Nora Bishop bought those shoes, but I can say with confidence that those shoes were not second-hand.



www.vintag.es/2018/03/shoe-rationing-wwii.html

Grandma was a stylish lady up to the very end, in 1998.

Sugar was one of the first items brought under the price controls. Every announcement by the Office of Price Administration – the newspapers decided what the headline should be – addresses which stamps were valid for sugar. This partially used page from Book Four has only one unused Sugar Stamp in both books.



Here is why.

Important Dates
By The Associated Press.

FATS, MEATS, ETC.—Book four red stamps V2 through Z2 good through Sept. 30; A1 through E1 good through Oct. 31; F1 through K1 good through Nov. 30; L1 through Q1 good through Dec. 31. Meat dealers will continue to give 2 red points for each pound of used fats turned in.

SUGAR—Book four stamp 38 good through Dec. 31 for five pounds. Stamp 37 by-passed and will not be validated.

SHOES—Book three airplane stamps 1, 2, 3 and 4 good indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any of these stamps.

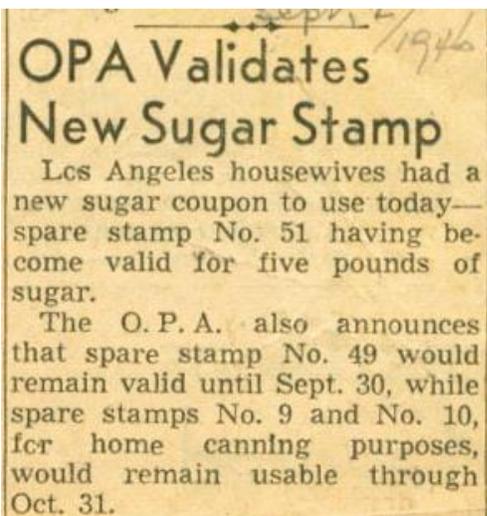
It was announced on 5 November 1944 that Sugar Stamp 37 from Book 4 was “by-passed and will not be validated”.

Also on 5 November 1944, Sugar Stamp 38 was validated as “good for 5 pounds through Dec. 31.” Sugar Stamp 30 is listed as “valid for 5 pounds indefinitely” on 31 March 1944. Sugar Stamp 40 was also validated on 31 March 1944 for “five pounds for

home canning.” Stamps 35 and 36 were validated on 28 May 1945, through June 2 and August 31. Those ration stamps are all missing.

Grandma liked to bake.

As this notice, published in a Los Angeles newspaper on 2 September suggests, the OPA used those Spare Stamps to introduce some flexibility in the program.



Spares 9 & 10 are also missing from my grandmother's Book Four, as are Spare 49 and Spare 51. This suggests that Ann Nora Bishop used them, as was permitted by the OPA, to buy sugar.

There are still Coffee Stamps in Ration Book Four: stamps 41 through 52. Rationing of coffee was introduced at the same time as sugar. One pound was allowed every five weeks. On 3 February 1943, that amount was reduced to one pound for every six weeks. The need for a restriction on coffee was understood but was still one of the least popular during the war. My grandmother always enjoyed coffee. But why not use those last 12 Coffee Stamps? Were they never validated? Probably. Or maybe Ann Nora Bishop found another source for coffee. (to be continued next month)



KPS Recognized with APS Star Route Awards

By Tom Broadhead

As part of the celebration of Stamp Collecting Month, the American Philatelic Society announced awards for chapter websites and newsletters at an online ceremony, October 14. KPS was just one of a few

organizations that had entered both a website and newsletter.

The KPS website – www.knoxstamps.com – **Jim Pettway**, webmaster – earned a Large Gold award. The KPS Newsletter – **Tom Broadhead**, editor – earned a Gold award. There were 29 website entries and 28 newsletter entries. The Star Route announcement video and entries, with links to examples, is at [Star Route \(stamps.org\)](http://StarRoute(stamps.org)).

A Note from Your Webmaster

By Jim Pettway

Have you visited the Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) website lately? Are you aware of what you can find there? I thought that I would take time to point out what the website has to offer and invite you to visit soon – and often.

If you have ever visited the website you know about the “Home Page” at www.knoxstamps.com, which features current information about the club meetings and silent auction information. Here, too, you will find links to KPS dealer members websites and dealer contact information. Scrolling down the page, you'll find membership information and a link to the KPS Membership Application. At the bottom of the page are links to philatelic organizations to which KPS belongs and it supports. But beyond the Home Page there are more pages offering items of interest.

Under the “About KPS” tab at the top, you find a brief history of the club beginning with its organization in 1980. Also on this page are links to the KPS Constitution and By-Laws as well as a list of officers and directors of the society. At the next tab, “KPS Newsletters,” you'll find newsletters dating back to 1982. You can link to a year and read about what was going on with the society during that period. It's interesting to read some of the older newsletters, noting the different formats, editors, and writers of the period.

Next is one of the most popular tabs, “Market Place.” At that link there are three dropdowns. You can view and purchase past society KnoxPEX and special event cachet covers, as well as view and order from the KPS stamp inventory. There are plenty of covers still for sale and plenty of stamps listed that can be purchased for your collections.

The “Articles” tab and the “Videos” tab take you to pages where members have contributed articles and videos to share with other collectors. You are welcome to contribute philatelic articles and videos that you think would be of interest to members.

Near the end of the navigation bar we have the KPS "Calendar." You can link to the current year KPS as well as the new 2022 calendar from the "Calendar" tab. More details, such as meeting locations, are also sent to members by email.

And lastly, the "Join KPS-and More" tab has a drop-down. One of the dropdowns is "Join KPS" where you can direct friends to information about joining the Knoxville Philatelic Society and a link to the membership application. The second drop-down includes links to websites. You'll find "Useful Links" to philatelic sites for beginner collectors as well as specialized and advanced stamp, cover and postcard collectors. If you have a suggestion for a site to be added just let me know.

I hope that you'll take some time and visit the Knoxville Philatelic Society website at www.knoxstamps.com soon. I welcome your comments and suggestions for making this a more useful site for all collectors. I can be contacted at jbpettway@comcast.net.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 22 members in attendance. The meeting was the annual Stamp Collecting Month live auction, and there was not a Zoom component. President **Brent Marquand** presided.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of September, the club had cash assets of \$32,245. Receipts for the month were \$18,441. Expenses were \$4,846, for a net inflow of \$13,595. The Treasurer's report was approved by motion.

Following reports, the remainder of the meeting was the Stamp Collecting Month live auction.

Adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Broadhead, Interim Secretary

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Own a Piece of History?

By Tom Broadhead

Last June the storied British Guiana one cent magenta was sold at auction for \$8.3 million to the famous London stamp dealership, Stanley Gibbons. Soon after the sale, the Gibbons firm announced that they would sell fractional shares in this great stamp.



The 1856 unique British Guiana black on magenta paper (Scott 13)

And now they have! The web page on the Gibbons site www.stanleygibbons.com/collecting-stamps/one-cent-magenta lists times that the stamp can be viewed and provides a link to the site to purchase a share.

That link - <https://showpiece.com/> - announces the opportunity for you to own a piece of history and purchase a share for the equivalent of \$134.06. As I write this on November 11, almost 50,000 of the available shares have been purchased – there's still time.

As stamp collectors, we already own many pieces of history, and it is enjoyable to hold and inspect them at our leisure. As for purchasing a share – you can count me out.

My Grandmother, Ann Nora Bishop, & The Office of Price Administration 1941-1946 – part 3

By Edward S. Smith

Last month's installment of this article ended with the question – "But why not use those last 12 Coffee Stamps? Were they never validated? Probably. Or maybe Ann Nora Bishop found another source for coffee." The following is the conclusion of my story.

On 9 February 1943, my grandmother was enrolled in the United States Coast Guard Reserve as a Chief Specialist (GO, Class T). She was "ordered to active duty" at the Naval Ordnance Plant in Centerline, Michigan. The Naval Ordnance Plant in Centerline, MI was the re-purposed Hudson Motor Car Company plant.

A newspaper I cannot identify ran an article with a picture of my grandmother and 12 other women in uniform. The headline reads: "Girl Escorts Play Important War Roles." "It is the duty of these girls to escort those coming on business to the Plant around the property as well as to check employees in and out at the gates, write late entry and exit passes and to occasionally stand guard on one of the posts."

For organizations and individuals during that time, gas was rationed. A supply of gasoline aided the work of escorts and other employees on official business. The OPA issued a chart explaining the four categories of Mileage Ration Stamps

- A – Basic Ration for Passenger Cars
- B – Supplemental Ration for Passenger Cars "for those who drove more than 150 miles a month for occupational purposes."
- C – Supplemental Ration for Essential Passenger Cars "an extra ration for drivers whose work is most essential to the war effort."
- D – Motorcycles "for holders of Motorcycle Registration Card"

Important Dates on Rationing published by the Associated Press on 23 July 1945 states that C-8 coupons were validated for the purchase of gasoline, at the rate of “five gallons each.” These C-8 Mileage ration stamps meant that my grandmother was considered to be working in an essential job in an essential industry.

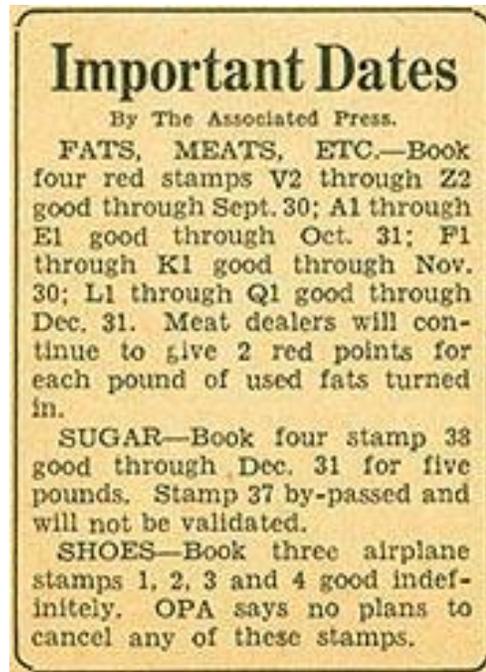


To purchase new or retreaded tires you submitted an application to the OPA, and if that application was approved, you were issued a certificate that you presented to the vendor. Vendors had to submit an application to dispose of tires and sell them to the OPA. Vendors were paid by check from the Treasury Department.

Early on in its tenure, the Office of Price Administration called on people to match the points required for a purchase with the exact number and assigned value of ration stamps to complete the purchase. Over time, they amended the process to make it easier to follow. One measure was to introduce red and blue ration tokens. These tokens were the “small change” to the ration stamps. This 1-point OPA Ration Token did not come to me with my grandmother’s ration books, so I cannot reliably link it to her.



This announcement by the OPA, under the heading “Fats, Meats, ETC.,” illustrates this. “Meat dealers will continue to give 2 red points for each pound of used fats turned in.” Fat (and glycerin) were important to the war effort. They were used to manufacture rapid-fire cannon shells, paint, hydraulic systems, and dyes.



Talk of dissolving the Office of Price Administration started as early as 1944, but efforts to do so were not in earnest or successful until 1946. The agency was authorized to exist until 30 June 1947, but it existed as a curtailed organization. In fact, most of its functions were transferred to a newly created agency, the Office of Temporary Controls (OTC).

As with its creation, the process of dissolution involved an Executive Order: Executive Order 9809, effective 12 December 1946. By December of 1946 many of the OPA’s local offices and price boards were closed.

On 29 May 1947, the OPA was formally and fully dissolved. Those functions continued to be in force, however, by other agencies.

- the Department of Agriculture: Sugar – by the Sugar Rationing Administration, Rice
- the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (started by Herbert Hoover, continued by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and not dissolved until 1957): Food Subsidies
- the Office of Housing Expediter, created on 11 January 1947 with Executive Order 9280, issued by Harry S. Truman: Rent Control

- the Department of Justice: Price Violation Litigation

All remaining functions of the Office of Price Administration were turned over to the Department of Commerce's Division of Liquidation.

During the Korean Conflict, the Office of Price Stabilization was organized to carry out some of the functions that had been the responsibility of the Office of Price Administration.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met on Tuesday, November 3, 2021, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 27 members in attendance and six attended by Zoom. President **Brent Marquand** presided.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of October, 2021, the club had cash assets of \$34,066. Receipts for the month were \$13,313; outgo was \$11,294, for a net cash inflow of \$2,019. Receipts included auctions of items from a recently acquired significant US collection. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Announcements: December 4th is the holiday lunch, \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Need confirmation of attendance to **Thomas Lane** by Nov. 29th (date of the fifth Tuesday meeting). KnoxPEX – **Brent Marquand** announced that seven of 12 dealer tables have been committed. Volunteers are needed for several functions including registration, security, and other functions. Stamp Acquisition Committee – **Thomas Lane** noted that several small collections have been acquired and new stamps are expected to be available at meetings throughout the winter. There will be no email orders filled until Bruce Roberts returns in the spring. **Brent Marquand** announced that the 2022 proposed budget will be emailed to members, with discussion and passage scheduled for the December regular members meeting. **Tom Broadhead** announced via Zoom that the KPS website (Jim Pettway) had won a large gold award and the KPS newsletter (Tom Broadhead) had won a gold award in the APS Star Route competition.

Dues are Due! The club will begin soliciting membership renewals for 2022, and emailed forms will go out with the December newsletter. \$12 cost if renewed by end of 2021. \$15 thereafter.

Business Meeting Adjournment at 7:13 pm.

James Lees presented a fascinating program about postcards, stamps, and cancels of the Nuremberg Rallies of the 1920s and 1930s in Germany. Primarily a postcard collector, he began collecting stamps when noting them as part of his search for postcards at antique dealers.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, Secretary

KPS meeting pictures by Don Ashley.



Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board Meeting

The board of directors of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for a regular meeting. There were four members in attendance. President **Brent Marquand** presided.

Announcements: **Brent Marquand** announced that the holiday lunch will be from 11:30-2 on

Saturday, December 4 at Lakeside Tavern. **Thomas Lane** distributed a proposed budget for 2022. Motion passed to present it to the membership for a December vote. KnoxPEX – **Thomas Lane** announced that seven of 12 dealer tables have been committed. The location will be at Rothchild Catering. A call for volunteers will be made at the regular meeting later this evening. The SEFFC website needs updating; a call for volunteers will be made at the meeting later tonight.

Adjournment at 6:30 pm.
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This four-euro sheet and stamp of Spain features the painting “Le Philatelist” by Swiss painter François Baraud (1899-1934). He is reported to have painted many double portraits of himself and his wife.