

Knoxville Philatelic Society

Newsletter

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February 2004
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It's Show Time –

Planning for the upcoming 2004 Knoxville Philatelic Society Stamp Show and Bourse, better known as KNOXPEX 2004, is in high gear as was evident at the January meeting. This year's show/bourse will be at the Budget Inn on Cedar Bluff, just north of the Cedar Bluff exit off of I-40 in West Knoxville. Tom Copas has been working very hard since the end of KNOXPEX 2003 to obtain a suitable location for this show/bourse. After months of on/off negotiations with the managers of the previous location (Knoxville Expo Center), and no acceptable contract, Tom looked in another direction and negotiated a contract with the managers of the Budget Inn.

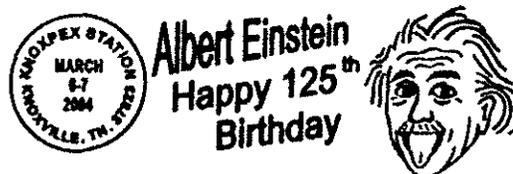
Bill Muenzer has also been at work since KNOXPEX 2003 lining up dealers to fill the meeting room at the Budget Inn with stamp dealers. Bill reported in January that he has at least 12 dealers committed to the March 6 and 7 bourse. In addition to stamp dealers, the United States Postal Service will again have a space at the bourse.

Quite a disappointment at last year's show was the lack of stamp exhibits. Show Chairman Bruce Kenney spent a lot of time during the January meeting discussing this subject. This year, all going to plan, you should be able to view at least one, if not two, APS award winning stamp exhibits. Bruce encouraged members at the January meeting to exhibit their material in the March show.

Tom Broadhead announced during the January meeting that advertising for KNOXPEX 2004

had been distributed to various stamp publications, as well as to the local and regional news media. Time will be taken during the February meeting to address, stamp and otherwise prepare postcards to be mailed to KPS members and names from a mailing list obtained by the KPS. Ralph Dinwiddie has designed and produced the postcards to be used in the mailing.

And yes, we have a special show cancellation and cachet cover. Tom Broadhead is the designer of the KNOXPEX 2004 cancellation based on the show theme



"Albert Einstein – Happy 125th Birthday". Ralph Dinwiddie is designing a cachet cover to which thematic stamps will be applied and offered for sale.

One of the most exciting events during KNOXPEX 2003 was the auction. This year we are expecting more lots and more excitement. The auction will be held Saturday evening after the closing of the bourse.

I have mentioned only a few of those that have volunteered their time and energy for KNOXPEX 2004. There are many more needed to make this show/bourse a success. Contact Bruce Kenney if you can help at the sign-in table, moving exhibition frames, setting up the auction, or just helping in general during the show/bourse.

What's New From the USPS –

After a month of new United States stamp issues in January, including the Pacific Coral Reefs, Year of the Monkey, the Love stamp, and Paul Robeson – Black Heritage stamps, the USPS has NO new issues scheduled for release during February.

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Ralph Dinwiddie New Program Chairman –

During the January meeting Ralph Dinwiddie volunteered to fill the position of Program Chairman for the KPS. President Dale Kangas accepted Ralph's offer and appointed Ralph Program Chairman. I know that I'm not alone when I say that I look forward to stamp related programs each month but unfortunately they do not come with regularity. We have many members with specialized interests in specific stamps or areas of stamp collecting and I always look forward to a program where I can learn something new about my hobby. I look forward to regular programs each month. Call Ralph (531-7465) and put your name on the calendar to present a 15-30 minute program one month.

January's KPS Meeting –

Fifteen KPS members attended the January 2004 meeting at the Tennessee Valley United Universalist Church on Kingston Pike in Knoxville. Opening discussion was feedback from the Christmas Dinner/Meeting in December. Most comments were positive but Jim Pettway pointed out that because of another party in an open/adjoining room and the long table layout at Calhoun's on the River, it was near impossible to hear Dale Kangas as he presided over the meeting. It was also extremely difficult to hear Tom Broadhead as he provided entertainment. Others agreed with Jim's comments. Bruce Kenney will check on other possible locations for the December 2004 meeting, taking suggestions into consideration.

Tom Copas brought everyone up to date with the location and contract for KNOXPEX 2004. Discussion continued later in the evening on the subject of KNOXPEX 2004 as suggestions and comments were expressed concerning the different aspects of the show/bourse in March. Most of the January meeting was about KNOXPEX 2004.

Treasurer Richard Ehrlich reported the financial state of the KPS. Richard also brought up for discussion the KPS Library and questioned as to whether the KPS should buy new Scott catalogues to add to the library. It is agreed that the KPS would not buy any new library material at this time.

President Dale Kangas turned to Jim Pettway for introductions of proposals he announced in the January Newsletter. First Jim proposed the KPS make a yearly donation to the APS based on KNOXPEX profits or a flat amount each year. After brief discussion Bruce Roberts made a motion to table the proposal until the May meeting.

Jim then proposed that the KPS make a contribution to the APS of \$25.00 as a memorial to KPS members who pass away. Bruce Roberts commented that this had been done in the past but not on a consistent basis. By unanimous vote the proposal was approved. Richard Ehrlich motioned that the first contribution under this proposal be a memorial to former KPS member Ray Ritter who died in December 2002. The motion carried.

The final proposal submitted by Jim Pettway was for the KPS to publish for its members, a membership roster listing members' names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and collecting interests. After much discussion the proposal was tabled for discussion at a later date.

The January meeting of the KPS concluded following a very interesting program presented by Charles Klintiver. Charles explained his collecting interest in cracks and scratches on plates that transfer to stamps. Charles' interest is United States early issues and with plenty of exhibits in hand he presented a very nice program that kept everyone's attention and fielded many questions for Charles to answer.

Name this Newsletter -

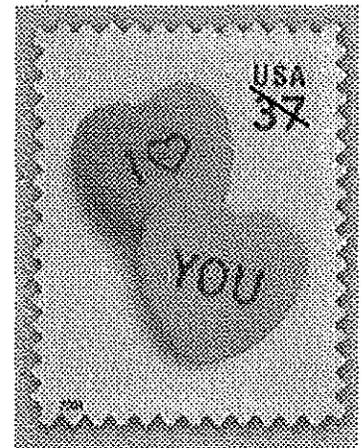
In the December KPS Newsletter I asked that members make suggestions for a name for our newsletter. I gave a few examples of names taken from those used by various other stamp clubs. I received replies from two people: member Phil Ford, and non-member (my wife) Pat Pettway. Their suggestions follow:

The Postage Press	Airmail Flier
Stamp Tong Times	Watermark Monthly
Watermark Crier	Hinge Mount Times
Coil Column	Coil Connection
Knoxville Never Hinged	The Mounting Post
Lick-em Press	The Mountain Post

During the February meeting I'll ask for additions to this list and then I'll select one for the members to approve. Please email me your suggestions and/or show up at the meeting.

February 2004 Calendar of Event

2	Groundhog Day
3	KPS Meeting
12	Lincoln's Birthday
14	Valentine's Day
16	President's Day
22	Washington's B'day



Remember your Sweetheart

February 14th

**Mail a Valentine card and
use the new Love Stamp**

And speaking of the Love Stamp, how about a thematic stamp collection of United States Love Stamp Issues? It's easy and fun. I have a nice used collection that I started some years ago and have added to each year. Anyone interested in a list of Love stamps can contact me for a copy of mine. By the way, what year did the United States issue the first Love stamp?

No New U.S. Stamp Issues in February!

After the USPS cranked off the New Year with the introduction of 4 new stamp issues, all is quiet on new issue in February. As I review the Postal Bulletin it appears at present that following February each month through October will bring us a new issue or two. You can keep up with the United States stamp issues by visiting the USPS website at www.usps.com. It takes a bit of searching but you will find pictures and dates of upcoming issues as well as past issues. Drop me an email and I'll guide you directly to the website if you have a problem locating it.

February 2004 KPS Meeting –

In the absence of President Dale Kangas this month President-elect Tom Broadhead will preside over our February meeting. We will again meet at the Tennessee Valley United Universalist Church in Knoxville. Most of the discussion will continue from business conducted at the January meeting, including KNOXPEX 2004 preparations. Program Chairman Ralph Dinwiddie will provide us with a "Surprise" program this month and our February meeting will conclude with an auction and the preparation of KNOXPEX 2004 mailing announcements.

Have you paid your dues?

Those of you who have not paid you 2004 KPS membership dues will find a Member Data form enclosed with this Newsletter. Please complete this form (info to be used to update our files), then drop a check (\$10.00 single adult; \$12.00 family) in an envelope and put in the mail to the KPS address in the header of this Newsletter. PLEASE do it NOW!!!

Live Auction Form –

For those of you without an email address you will find the KNOXPEX 2004 Live Auction form enclosed. Those interested in placing material in the live auction must complete this form and send it to Bruce Kenney c/o the KPS. I would suggest that you contact Bruce soon for details as to what he would like done with the auction lots prior to mailing the form. You can bring the form with you to the meeting this month. If you do not have a lot of material you can bring that with you also.

Show/Bourse Reminder –

Who do you contact for KNOXPEX 2004 information? Chairman Bruce Kenny! Bruce can be reached by email at bruce.j.kenney@power.alstom.com or phone 694-3078. If you plan to exhibit at the show or enter material in the live auction, you need contact Bruce to obtain the necessary forms that must be completed and returned to him by mid February.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

**Tuesday February 3, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley United
Universalist Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

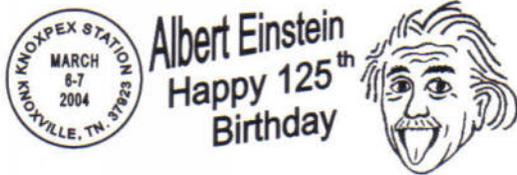
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After months of planning, **KNOXPEX 2004** is just a few days away. The annual show/bourse is scheduled for March 6 and 7 to be exact. Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) President Dale Kangas called for a special meeting last week to bring all show/bourse volunteers together and review arrangements for **KNOXPEX 2004**. Mark your calendar and attend the show this year. I'm looking forward not only to stamp exhibits and dealer tables but the live auction scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night. I hope to have some pictures for the April KPS Newsletter.

Tom Reports from AmeriStamp Expo

Tom Broadhead sent me a report on his trip to the American Philatelic Society winter show, **AmeriStamp Expo**, in Norfolk, Virginia, this past January/February. Tom informed me that his own single frame exhibit "Small Greetings From France" won him a **silver-bronze award** at AmeriStamp Expo this year. Tom made big improvements to his exhibit that won him a bronze award two years ago. Congratulations on your award, Tom. I hope that we get to see this award-winning exhibit at KNOXPEX 2004.

Tom also reported that former KPS member and Past President, Bob Toal was an exhibitor and his single frame exhibit "A Penny for Your Thoughts" earned him a **gold medal**. Bob's

exhibit featured spectacular examples of unusual mail from the 1880's, franked with the U.S. 1c large banknote issue. Most of these items, which included the earliest private postcards in the U.S., typically discarded by their recipients, and Bob's exhibit was notable not only for the variety but also for the outstanding quality and rarity of these pieces.

Thanks for the report from Norfolk. I understand that the **APS winter show** next year will be in **Atlanta**. I plan to attend this show!

And From St. Louis Comes Bruce

No sooner did I receive the above report from Tom, than I received a report from **Bruce Roberts** and his exciting trip to **St. Louis Stamp Expo**, February 20 – 22. Bruce's report was less about the bourse and more about the exhibits and how after more than 25 years of collecting, organizing and mounting his **Arkansas Postal History** into an exhibit, it all paid off. Bruce last exhibited this material in 1997 in national competition in Norfolk, Virginia, where he won a Vermeil award. So for the past 5 years Bruce has been gathering that elusive Arkansas postal material and bringing everything together to tell a story to present at the St. Louis show this year. Bruce's patience and hard work paid off this year at St. Louis when he walked away with everything! Bruce's Arkansas Postal History, 1826-1870 exhibit won a **Gold Award**, followed by the **People's Choice Award**, the **Classic Society Award** for the best exhibit containing U.S. stamps before 1870, and the **Postal History Society Award**. But wait, the best was yet to come! Bruce won the **Grand Award**, his exhibit being the Grand Champion for St. Louis Expo 2004. And all he was shooting for was

the gold! Bruce will be working over the next few months to prepare his exhibit for the **American Philatelic Society** show in Sacramento, California this August. His Arkansas Postal History, 1826 – 1870, exhibit consisting of 128 pages and 270 covers will compete with 24 Grand Champion winning exhibits from the last year (September 2003 to August 2004).

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Bruce will show his exhibit at **KNOXPEX 2004**. You will not want to miss this exhibit.

Congratulations Bruce.

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Will we ever - Name this Newsletter?

In the December KPS Newsletter I asked that members make suggestions for a name for our newsletter. To date I have received the following suggestions:

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| Knox-Phil News | Lick-em Press |
| Knox-Phil Views | Airmail Flier |
| Knox-Phil News & Views | Watermark Monthly |
| The Postage Press | Hinge Mount Times |
| Stamp Tong Times | Coil Connection |
| Watermark Crier | The Mounting Post |
| Coil Column | The Mountain Post |
| Knoxville Never Hinged | |

Time allowing, during the March meeting I'll ask for additions to this list and then members will select from this list the name for the KPS Newsletter. Please email me your suggestions and/or show up at the meeting.

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Have you paid your dues?

If you have not paid your 2004 KPS membership dues by the close of **KNOXPEX 2004** you will no long be considered a member of the KPS and you will no longer receive the monthly KPS Newsletter. The KPS needs your financial support as well as your attendance at meetings and other events. We certainly understand that many members for various reasons cannot attend KPS meetings on a regular basis or maybe not at all but your financial support is appreciated. To those of you who have not paid your 2004 KPS membership dues please do so immediately.

March KPS Meeting

With this meeting being the last before **KNOXPEX 2004**, last minute details of the show/bourse will certainly lead off discussion of show business. For the program this month, Dale Kangas has suggested that members bring a stamp related item for **“Show and Tell”**. We haven't done this in a while, so it should be fun. Bring one of your collections that you have been working on or a philatelic item that you recently obtained. Anyone have a St. Paddy collection? And you are welcome to bring material for the silent auction.



37¢ and 60¢ Bouquet
Issue Date 3/4/04

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**Tuesday, March 2, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley United Universalist
Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

March 2004 Calendar of Event

- 6-7 KNOXPEX 2004
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring begins
- 30 KPS 5th Tuesday Mtg

April 2004

- 1 All Fools Day
- 4 Daylight-saving Time begins
- 6 KPS Meeting

February Meeting Report

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the February meeting and was unable to get anyone to take minutes to pass on to me, so I'm afraid that I cannot give you a report. I do plan to attend the March meeting and expect to have a meeting report for you who are unable to attend the monthly meetings. Sorry!

Fifth Tuesday Meeting

Mark March 30 on your calendar for the Fifth Tuesday Meeting of the KPS. The Fifth Tuesday Meeting will be held at the Tennessee Valley United Universalist Church (address above) at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is always popular as it is for swapping stamps and stamp related material. Bring yourself and some stamps for swapping and come on down.

37¢ U.S. Air Force Academy
Issue Date 4/1/04



Regional Stamp Show/Bourses

March/April U.S. Stamp Issues

Mar 2	37¢ Theodor "Dr." Seuss Geisel
Mar 4	37¢ Garden Bouquet
Mar 4	60¢ Garden Bouquet
Mar 5	4c Chippendale Chair
Mar 25	23¢ Historic Preservation: Columbia University Stamped Card
Apr 1	37¢ U.S. Air Force Academy

(dates are First Day of Issue)

Knoxville, TN - March 6-7 * Knoxville Philatelic Society KNOXPEX 2004, Budget Inn of America, Cedar Bluff Rd., I-40, Exit 378. Saturday 10-6/Sunday 10-4.

Nashville, TN - March 13-14 * Stamp Show 2004, Lipscomb University-Allen Arena, 3901 Granny White Pike. Saturday 10-5/Sunday 11-4.

Asheville, NC - March 20-21 * Blue Ridge Spring Stamp Show, Comfort Suites Inn, Brevard Road, I-26, Exit 2 and NC Hwy 191. Saturday 10-5/Sunday 10-4.

Roanoke, VA - March 20 * Stamp Fair, Days Inn, Plantation Road. Saturday 10-5.

KNOXPEX 2004

Annual Stamp Show

Celebrating the
125th Birthday of



Albert Einstein

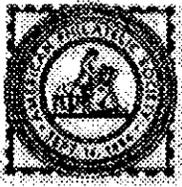
Budget Inns of America

Knoxville Tennessee

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I would like to start off this month's newsletter by thanking those of you who have made comments to me about your newsletter. It's good to hear that you enjoy the reading. Putting together your newsletter is work and does take quite a bit of time (compiling, editing, and printing the newsletter; stuffing, addressing, and stamping the envelopes; and finally mailing) but I enjoy doing it. Thanks for your comments and your many complements.

I visited Bill Muenzer and K-Town Stamps this past month. Bill was a little low in stamp inventory, having returned from a few stamp shows where selling was greater than buying. For those of you interested in covers, Bill has a few large boxes of U.S. and foreign covers available for picking through. Bill indicated that he was thinking about changing his hours of operation, so call and check with him before you try to visit him. While there I also noticed a few packets of stamps from Norway, Denmark and Germany. On this trip I returned about 2000 worldwide nickel stamps that I had sorted through and packaged from A - Z. Check with Bill as I did most of the work for those of you interested in looking through these 5¢ stamps. In looking through them I noticed quite a few that catalogued for much more than 20¢ each.

A lot is going on in our stamp world over the next few months. Come to the KPS meetings and join in on the events ahead.

Jim where have you been?
Come join us
Tuesday nite!
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Members Write . . .

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a few nicely written and interesting articles written by KPS members. In one article Bruce Roberts writes about the few hours he spent shopping for stamps in Paris, France. How would you like to attend a stamp bourse each week of the year? It's done more often than that in Paris.

Recently Richard Ehrlich received his certificate as a Life Member in the APS. I asked Richard to tell us about his year of stamp collecting. Are Richard and Stu Hanlein the only current APS Life Members we have in the KPS?

Articles from members are always welcomed to be included in your newsletter. I encourage you to share your stamp collecting experiences with other members through an article in the KPS News. Let us hear about stamp shows that you have attend, unusual stamp purchases, and/or any stamp story that might interest us.

June Meeting Report

Fourteen members attended the June meeting of the KPS held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Kingston Pike. Newly elected President Tom Broadhead presided over the monthly meeting.

During the first hour of the meeting KPS members exchanged stamp stories, swapped stamps, and viewed the auction lots. Stuart McNiell brought a box of stamps for members to pick from at a price of 5¢ each. Stuart's stamp

box was a hit, and though he didn't need an armed guard to escort him to his car after the meeting, many members took home a lot a stamps to add to their collections (I for one). Thanks Stuart!

Fifteen stamp lots went up for auction and quite a few met with successful bids. This month members were able to bid on some old stamp covers, some British Commonwealth material (including stationary), as well as some older United States stamps.

Following the auction Tom opened the business session of the meeting with old business concerning the theme for KNOXPEX 2005. Tom asked all members present to make suggestions for the theme of next year's show/bourse so that cancellations and covers can be prepared in a timely manner. Tom brought up two historic events with anniversaries in 2005: the Rotary Club founding and the salt vaccine. All KPS members are asked to get their suggestions for consideration to Tom or any club officer as soon as possible. We need to settle on the theme not later than the August meeting.

Richard Ehrlich gave the Treasurer's report. Richard also passed out copies of the KPS Constitution and Bylaws to those interested. Anyone that would like a copy is asked to contact Richard.

In new business Bruce Roberts suggested that the club buy auction lots of stamps and resell the contents to members. Meeting attendees thought that this might be a good idea. Bruce and Stu Hanlein will form a committee to study the process for this idea.

Tom Broadhead gave members an update on the Art of the American Indian stamps due out in August. As one of the stamp subjects is a statue on exhibit in Knoxville at the University of Tennessee, the university is working to have some type of "Second Day of Issue" ceremony. Much more on this in next month's KPS News.

Tom Broadhead suggested to members that the Knoxville Philatelic Society consider joining the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. Tom explained the purpose of the Federation and upon completion of his presentation, Stu Hanlein made a motion that the club pay the \$25.00 joining fee and join. Members voted in favor of joining. Stu then made a motion that Tom Broadhead and Bruce Roberts represent the KPS in the Federation. The two accepted the position as members voted in favor of Stu's motion.

The June meeting of the KPS adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Stamp Collector sold

Lloyd de Vries, host of The Virtual Stamp Club (www.virtualstampclub.com) reported this week at the VSC website that Amos Hobby Publications purchased the stamps division of Krause Publications, which includes the Minkus catalogue, albums and album pages, and the bi-weekly *Stamp Collector* newspaper. Amos will "continue to maintain the line of Minkus albums and supplements" but not the Minkus catalogues. So the *Stamp Collector* has printed its last issue and the Minkus catalogue is now history. For more on this late breaking story go to www.virtualstampclub.com. Thanks to VSC and Lloyd de Vries for this late news.

KPS now member of SEFSC

As reported earlier, during the June meeting of the KPS, members voted in favor of the KPS joining the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. The Federation consists of stamp clubs in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, and Massachusetts. Bruce Roberts and Tom Broadhead represent the KPS in the SEFSC with an alternate representative to be chosen at a later date. For those of you with Internet access I

invite you to connect to www.stampclubs.com and see what the SEFSC has to offer.

Silent Auction reminder

Over the past few months, activity for the silent stamp auction has picked up. We have seen quite a few stamp lots and bidding has been good. Bring a few items for the auction this month. Lillard Harvey will assist you in getting your lots entered in the auction. Stamp publications, single stamps, packets of stamps, stamp albums and stamp collections are all of interest to others. Set a starting price (or not) and see what happens.

What happened to our programs?

It looks like another month without a scheduled meeting program. What's going on? Anyone interested in presenting a 15 to 20 minute stamp related program is asked to contact this editor so that the topic of your program can be included in the KPS News. The only scheduled program I have on the calendar is in August when Tom Broadhead will present a program on the Arts of the American Indian stamp issue coming out during the month.

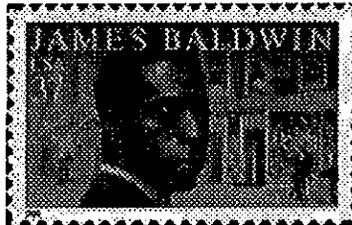


**July 2004
U.S. Stamp Issues**

July 13
37¢ R. Buckminster Fuller
commemorative single



July 15
37¢ Wilma Rudolph
definitive stamp
Distinguished Americans series



July 24
37¢ James Baldwin
commemorative single
Literary Arts series

(dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

***Regional Stamp
Shows/Bourses***

July 17-18
Asheville, NC
Stamp & Postcard Show
Blue Ridge Summer 2004
Comfort Suites Inn, I-26,
Exit 33
Sponsored by Richard's
Stamp Shop

July 24-25
Charlotte, NC
CHARPEX 2004
Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Senior Ctr
I-77, Exit 5
Sponsored by the
Charlotte Philatelic
Society

**Knoxville Philatelic Society
Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 6, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley Unitarian
Universalist Church
2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

**Calendar of Events
July 2004**

- 4 Independence Day
(U.S.)
- 6 KPS Meeting

August 2004

- 3 KPS Meeting

The Paris Bourse by Bruce Roberts

The Paris [France] stamp bourse is apparently a long-standing activity, since there is a permanent sign just off the Champs D'Ellisse Boulevard. It is held every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM. It is actually in a little park across from General DeGaulle's statue. Each [stamp] dealer has a booth, similar to the kind you would see at a carnival where one [throws] baseballs to knock down milk bottles. I did not make an exact count of the dealers, but there were at least 20 and one dealer told me there were fewer than usual. My patient wife allotted me two hours to look while she went to a shaded bench in the park and read her book. Before we went, I wrote out in English the phrase, "*I collect covers from and to the United States between 1820 and 1870. Do you have anything to show me?*", and asked our hotel manager to write down the phrase in French. So I had this to hand to each dealer. Most dealers could speak sufficient English that I might not have needed it, but I quickly was given the appropriate books or boxes in which to look, or told "No" so I could move to another dealer. The first booth in the line was actually the dealer with the most and best material for postal history. His specialty was France and French colonies, and his covers were really excellent. I saw a number [of covers] from the U.S. to France, but mostly modern (e.g. after 1870), although he did have a few stampless [covers] from Boston and Philadelphia. His English was very good and he said he had been to the U.S. for several large stamp shows. He even wanted my opinion on how the U.S. presidential election was going to turn out this fall. I found covers for sale at four other dealers. There were even a few Arkansas covers, but not foreign usage, just common 1880's embossed stationary used within Arkansas, or from Arkansas to the East Coast. And the prices on those were 45 Euro which was about US \$52.00 when we were there! I would pay maybe a dollar for these here [in the U.S.]. On the other hand, there were many covers I know could be sold for much more here in the U.S., were I still a dealer with my cash box. At least half the dealers at the bourse were selling French only, or Europe only, and many of their stamps were spectacular. I noticed that the quality of the stamps (centering, color, condition) were way above what you might see [in] the average U.S. dealers [stock], but the prices were very high as well. There were perhaps 6 topical dealers, and 3 dealers who sold only collections. All [of] the dealer's stocks were acceptable to have taken a table at any regional bourse in the U.S. Because of my narrow interest I finished the whole bourse in about an hour and a half. I bought three interesting covers from the U.S. to France, including the only foreign usage I have ever seen of the [U.S.] 5 cent Parcel Post (Scott Q5), which cost me 15 Euro and I am sure is worth much more than that. This was a very pleasant way to end our Paris visit.

The above article was written following Bruce Robert's recent trip to Paris, France. Bruce is President Elect of the KPS and former stamp dealer. In the past year Bruce Roberts entered his Arkansas Postal History exhibit in competition at the St. Louis Stamp Expo winning numerous awards including a Gold. His exhibit will be in competition in August at the APS Stampshow 2004, in Sacramento, California.

50 Years in Philately

by Richard D. Ehrlich

My start in philately - okay, then known as stamp collecting - came in the spring of 1954 when my oldest brother, just back from a stint in Korea during the war there, looked over his two Scott's World Wide Albums and decided that he wanted to specialize. So he stripped out the U. S. and some other parts of the collection that he wanted to keep and gave me the remainder. As a young teenager, I wasn't sure what to do. After thinking about it for a couple of weeks, I decided that I didn't want to collect world-wide stamps; I was just going to collect U. S. - and Swiss, which has struck my fancy.

At that time, we lived on the North side of Chicago, and I had noticed a stamp store on Irving Park Boulevard near our apartment. One afternoon I took the albums over to the store and spoke to the owner/manager, asking him what he would give me in trade - in U. S. [stamps], for the two albums and what world-wide stamps remained in them. I told him how I had gotten the albums. He looked at the albums for a period and told me that, from the hinge marks in the albums, he could see that my brother had removed stamps worth about twice what was left. He made what I still think was a reasonable offer, saying that he could give me more because I was taking it out in trade. This is where I got many of the 1920-1940 period mint commemoratives I have that are superbly centered, mostly with broad margins all around. He had some of the best quality stock I have ever seen in any dealer's stock. (I've often regretted that I never got back there after I was working to buy more; but then he must have been in his fifties or older at that time. By the 1970s he may have been dead; who knows what happened to his store and the rest of his stock.)

By the 1970s, I was living and working in the San Francisco Bay area. (I had by then traded off my Swiss stamps for UN stamps - and then sold off the UN stamps because I had trouble getting new issues.) I started going to the stamp shows in San Francisco; at one, which was co-sponsored by the APS in July of 1973, I joined the APS as a member. I have maintained my APS membership continuously since then.

I also started going to auctions held by San Francisco dealer Richard Wolfers, Inc., and bidding occasionally in mail sales and auctions from two New York area dealers. At one Wolfers auction in July 1976, I was privileged to see a lot consisting of one each, nearly perfect, complete pane of U.S. C-13, C-14, and C-15 (that's right, the 65¢, \$1.30 and \$2.60 set of 1930 Zeppelin stamps) sell. (I had noticed at the beginning of the auction, that an armed guard was present; very unusual for a Wolfers auction.) When that lot was brought out, Richard Wolfers stopped the auction and had a professional photograph each of the panes. The lot was then announced with an opening mail bid of \$55,000. There were two bidders in the audience plus two bidders on telephone lines. The next bid was \$60,000, and the bidding went up in increments of \$2,000 and \$5,000. The final bid was \$86,000. (I found out later that the two bidders present were both agents for others.) After the auction, I asked Richard why he had the panes photographed; he said that he intended to print posters of the photos. Subsequently, I bought a set of posters from

Wolffers (for \$15.00); it's the closest I'll ever come to affording the 1930s's set of Zeppelins. (I do have a extremely fine copy of the 1933 Century of Progress Zeppelin (a.k.a. the "baby Zeppelin").

For a period during the 1970s, I collected U. S. freaks and errors and had a sizable collection. However, I sold those off in various auctions and mail sales in 1977. (Some of these freaks were amazing; for example, I had a whole pane of Scott's #1525, the 10-cent Veterans of Foreign Wars, in which the vertical perfs ran through the middle of each stamp.)

In spring of 1977, I moved to Knoxville and became acquainted with Bill Walbert and Ray Ritter. On occasion, I went with them to meetings of the (now defunct) Atomic City Stamp Club in Oak Ridge. When the Expo City Stamp Club was formed in 1980, Bill and Ray mentioned it to me, and I visited a couple of meetings that met in the basement meeting room of the bank at Western Plaza. However, I did not join the club until (if memory serves me correctly) summer or fall of 1983. By then, the club was named the Knoxville Stamp Club and was meeting at the MLB Building on Western Avenue.

My service to what is now KPS has included serving as Newsletter Editor from January 1990 through June 1996 when I was talked into taking on the office then called Recording Secretary for two terms, being a non-officer Director from July 1998 through June 2000, and being Treasurer since the 2002 election. In 1992, Jean Byrne, Tom Broadhead, and I, as a committee of three, rewrote the club's Constitution and Bylaws to provide a workable guide for the club. Although it has been revised three times since then, the document continues to serve well.

Recently Richard Ehrlich received his Life Member certificate from the American Philatelic Society. To qualify for this honor, one must be a member of the APS for 30 consecutive years and be 65 years of age or older. Richard was asked to provide the KPS News editor with a view from his past philatelic (stamp collecting) years. Richard currently serves a KPS Treasurer.

Knoxville Philatelic Society

News

August 2004



APS Chapter 1189-119261

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Last month's *Knoxville Philatelic Society News* resulted in a number of positive comments. Most of the comments were about the articles written by Richard Ehrlich and Bruce Roberts. Readers really enjoyed the first hand accounts of Bruce's trip to Paris, France, and Richard's reminiscing his years as a stamp collector. I'm really glad to receive the articles and include them in the *KPS News*. I would love to have more articles to include each month in the *KPS News*. So how about sending me your stamp related stories for others to enjoy. Please try to keep it to about a type written page or less. How did you get involved in stamp collecting? How about your visit to a stamp show? What recent finds have you added to your collection. Have you started a new collection? Send your articles to my email address or mailing address and I'll edit them to fit in an upcoming *KPS News*.

Check out the two local/regional bourses coming up in August. I haven't attended any stamp shows or bourses since KNOXPEX 2004 in March! I have had plenty to keep me occupied with my stamp collecting over the past few months but I do miss a more often show/bourse in the area. Do plan to attend one or more of these bourses in the weeks ahead. Support those dealers. Maybe it's time to pick up a new theme or topic to collect. The bourses would be a good place to get started. Maybe make one of these bourses your first!

See you at the *KPS* meeting this month and maybe even a stamp bourse.

Jim

KPS Newsletter Takes Silver-Bronze . . .

Newsletter Editor, Jim Pettway, received word last month that your Knoxville Philatelic Society Newsletter received the Silver-Bronze Award in Class IIIA (multi-page - membership under 100) of the American Philatelic Society, Chapter Activities Committee's 2003 Newsletter Competition. In satisfying the CAC's requirements to enter the competition, Jim submitted the October, November and December 2003 issues of the *KPS Newsletters* in January 2004. Jim received the judges work sheet for the entry and has taken many steps to improve the newsletter based on the critique. Jim plans to enter the last three 2004 *KPS News* issues in competition again this year.

KPS Member of SEFSC

As you will recall from the *News* last month, President Tom Broadhead suggested at the June meeting that the *KPS* join the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. Members approved the formal motion and Tom pressed forward with paperwork required to be completed for membership. It wasn't long after the June meeting that the *KPS* was approved for membership in the SEFSC and our society was listed at the SEFSC website.

Please check out www.stampclubs.com, the SEFSC website, and more specifically the *KPS* pages for information about our club and other activities in the area. Currently there is information with pictures about the August 21 Arts of the American Indian stamp issue, put together by Tom Broadhead. (You will read

more about this stamp issue in the enclosed article by Gerald Schroedl.) Maybe by the time you receive this newsletter, a copy will be available on our webpage at this site. And there are more things to come. Bookmark this website and check it out at least monthly.

Art of the American Indian . . .

Tom Broadhead has been working closely with the University of Tennessee and the United States Postal Service in planning a ceremony highlighting the Art of the American Indian issue. The First Day of Issue ceremony for the pane of 10 stamps will be on August 21 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. There will be a special ceremony for this issue highlighting the Mississippian Effigy stamp in this set on Sunday, August 22 at 2:00 pm at the Frank M. McClung Museum on the UT campus. The USPS will have a staff member present to cancel cachets and maximum cards available for purchase. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special event right here in Knoxville.

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<http://www.virtualstampclub.com/apschapknoxville.html> and
www.stampclubs.com



August Program

Tom Broadhead will present the program this month. The subject of Tom's program will be the Art of the American Indian stamp issue, and more specifically the stamp issue mentioned above. Tom has been planing this program for a few months, so I know that this will be a program that you will not want to miss. Make an extra effort to attend. Let's have a good turnout for Tom.

Another APS Life Member

Charles Klinstiver contacted me via email last month and informed me that, he too was a Life Member of the American Philatelic Society. As announced last month, Richard Ehrlich was most recently recognized by the APS as a Life Member and Stu Hanlein has been a Life Member for a few years. Do we have other APS Life Members in the KPS? Stand up and be counted.

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**August 2004
U.S. Stamp Issues**



**August 13
Martin
Johnson Heade**
37¢
commemorative
single

**Aug 21
Navajo Necklace**
2¢ definitive single



**Aug 22
37¢ Art of the American Indian**
pane of 10 different

23¢ Art of the American Indian
10 different picture postal cards

(dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

Attention WW Collectors

I noticed in a recent *Linn's* that Amos Hobby Publishing has just recently published the second revised, expanded edition of *Linn's Stamp Identifier*. The newest edition has more than 500 new listings and new photographs. *Linn's Stamp Identifier* is available from your stamp dealer or direct from Amos Hobby Publishing, Box 828, Sidney, OH 45365 or call 800-572-6885. Cost is \$11.99 (\$10.99 to *Linn's* subscribers) plus \$5.00 shipping. Maybe a few of us can get together at the August meeting and order in bulk and save a little more on shipping.

**Knoxville Philatelic
Society Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 3, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley
Unitarian Universalist
Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

August 7-8

Nashville, TN

Nashville Summer Stamp Show (bourse)

Ramada Inn Airport

Sat - 10-5, Sun - 10-4

Sponsored by Bill Vance and B&W Stamp
and Coin

August 21-22

Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Summer Stamp Show 2004
(bourse)

Budget Inn of America

North Cedar Bluff Rd.

I-40 West, Exit 378

Sat - 10-6, Sun 10-4

Sponsored by Bill Muenzer and K-Town
Stamps of Knoxville

July Meeting Report

Eleven members were present for the July meeting of the KPS. President Tom Broadhead presided of the meeting. After an hour of swapping stamp stories, trading stamps (Stuart McNiell returned with his box of WW stamps for the pickings at 5¢ per stamp), and meeting old friends, Tom brought the business portion of the meeting to order at 8:00.

In old business, members talked about the possibility of a bus trip to the winter APS show in Atlanta, Georgia in February 2005. Tom Broadhead is working on some details that would involve UT students and KPS members. Those of you interested in such a trip are ask to get in touch with a KPS officer.

The Salk vaccine was selected as the theme for KNOXPEX 2005. Cachets and the show cancellation will be designed over the next month.

In new business, Bruce Roberts made a motion that met with member approval, that the KPS Board of Directors meet on the Fifth Tuesday of the months having five Tuesdays. This time would coincide with our current Fifth Tuesday Stamp Swap.

Jim Pettway asked the President to appoint a member as Program Chairman of the KPS. Jim pointed out that there has been no organization to the scheduling of stamp programs each month and some months were without a previously announced program. By the end of discussion, Bruce Roberts obtained names and a list of programs to last into the next year. Bruce volunteered to organize monthly meeting programs. (Thanks, Bruce!)

Jim Pettway and Richard Ehrlich presented short unannounced programs for the evening. Richard showed his U.S. Zeppelin posters he purchased many years ago. And Jim told how the city of Maggie Valley, North Carolina, came about its name.

Tom Broadhead adjourned the July meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Fifth Tuesday Meeting

Pull out those duplicate stamps and let's do some trading! There is a fifth Tuesday this month and it falls on August 31. I understand that there was a lively group (I was unable to attend) at the last Fifth Tuesday Swap Meeting so lets give it our best shot to attend this one. Bring your want list, some trading stamps, covers, and/or postal history to the regular meeting place at 7:00 p.m. and have some fun.

Board of Directors Meeting

The KPS Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. on this same night, August 31, at the same location - Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville. This will be the first time the Board has met in many months (years?).

What's the value?

Jean Giesler has a few stampless folded covers that he needs help with establishing a value before auctioning on eBay. Jean will have the following covers with him at the August meeting:

- 1853 to Lille France (letter in French)
- 1840 to Penn yan (Pennsylvania?)
- 1837 to Wooster, Ohio
- 1846 to NY
- 1832 to Saratoga Springs, NY
- 1839 to NY
- 1843 to Buffalo, NY

He will also have a few First Flight Covers.

Calendar of Events

August 2004

- 3 KPS Meeting
- 31 KPS Board of Directors Meeting
Fifth Tuesday KPS Stamp Swap Mtg

September 2004

- 1 Labor Day
- 7 KPS Meeting

Knoxville Philatelic Society

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With Labor Day behind us you can say that summer is over and fall is in the air. Being in the air conditioning business and based on sales and the moderate temperatures, I can tell you that we haven't had a summer this year but it has been good weather to be outside and enjoy the comfortable days. Now for a stamp collector that's really not what we want. We would prefer days that keep us inside or at least give us the excuse to stay inside and enjoy our collections. This past month I took the liberty to enjoy some time inside as I attended a stamp show and a really nice stamp ceremony right here in Knoxville.

In August I attended Bill Muenzer's commercial stamp show at the Budget Inn and enjoyed seeing familiar stamp dealers as well as meeting a few new ones. Bill had a very nice show and it looked well attended. Later in the month my wife and I attended the special stamp ceremony for "Sandy" at the UT McClung Museum.

And speaking of the UT function, I was most disappointed that more KPS members didn't attend this well publicized stamp ceremony. Unless I missed someone, there were only three KPS members in attendance and one was at the podium! THREE! One percent of the membership! I'm glad that no one asked for KPS members to stand and be recognized. It would have been an embarrassing moment. Shame on you!

I hope that you all will take advantage of the stamp show and functions going on in September. You can read more about what's ahead this month, as well as what you missed

last month as you continue reading the KPS News.

See you at the KPS meeting this month.

Jim

"Sandy" Ceremony at UT

My wife isn't a stamp collector but I invited her to attend with me the unveiling ceremony of the "Sandy" postage stamp at the University of Tennessee, Frank H. McClung Museum on Sunday afternoon, August 22. Pat had never been to such a ceremony but reluctantly accompanied me. We arrived just before the ceremony began and were met by our KPS President, Tom Broadhead who briefly introduced us to the museum's offerings. Pat and I strolled around to the gift shop as we waited for the ceremony to begin. I bought a few Art's of the American Indian stamps as well as the special "Sandy" cancellations and cachet covers.

The ceremony started right on time beginning with the unveiling of the postage stamp featuring the sand sculpture "Sandy", on exhibit at the McClung Museum. Speakers included the Director of the McClung Museum, Dr. Jeff Chapman, the President of UT, Dr. John Peterson, the Chief of the Cherokee tribe from Cherokee, NC, a representative of the Tennessee governor's office, and the President of the Knoxville Philatelic Society, Dr. Thomas Broadhead. Following the ceremony and the

American Indian sheet of stamps, guests were invited to purchase stamps and covers, and tour the museum.

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Pat and I decided to see what the museum had to offer and began our tour. I will not take you on the tour but let it suffice to say that you can view artifacts and items from all periods of history: worldwide (Egyptian), Tennessee (Indians) and out of this world (aeronautics). The FREE museum is open seven days a week, including Sunday afternoon, and FREE front door parking is available on Saturday and Sunday.

So did Pat enjoy the ceremony and the tour? You betcha! She's still talking about it!

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Knoxville Summer Stamp Show 2004

Bill Muenzer and K-Town Stamps sponsored a commercial stamp bourse August 21 and 22 at the Budget Inn in Knoxville. As I recall there were 11 dealers, each spreading his inventory over at least 2 large tables. According to two dealers, the attendance and sales were good on Saturday but Sunday was a disappointment. I attended Saturday between 10:30 and 3:30 during which time I witnessed a good crowd and dealers were all active. I visited with a number of KPS members and a few non-members. I was able to pick up a few items for my various stamp collections and really had a good, exhausting time. This is Bill's second year to host a late summer show. Bill always does a wonderful job of bringing stamp dealers to Knoxville for the KPS show each March.

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recognition of some of those responsible for "Sandy" being a part of the Arts of the

Stu has an idea

At the Knoxville stamp bourse, Stu Hanlein discussed with me, what I thought was an idea worth passing on to members and discussion at the next regular club meeting. How about a stamp circuit circulated among KPS club members? Stu has a bunch of circuit books available to him from a now discontinued club, which we could use (buy). Members wanting to participate would fill books, bring them to the meetings and past them around. We can get into details at the next meeting, but I thought that it was worth mentioning here and getting some input. Let's talk about it.

August Meeting Report

Wow, did we have a nice turnout for the August meeting. Nineteen members and one return guest. When you consider we have 33 adult members and 1 student member, that's great! It wasn't an easy task to get everyone settled down to begin the business portion of the meeting. Members so much enjoy visiting among themselves and really just having a good time chatting about stamps and telling about their recent discoveries. Tom Broadhead was able to get things under control and call the official business meeting to order.

Tom opened the meeting by presenting Jim Pettway with the 2003 APS Chapter Newsletter Competition Silver-Bronze award certificate for his entry of the KPS Newsletter. Jim accepted the certificate as editor of the KPS Newsletter and told members that he had received the judges' critiques and was making the recommended improvements to the newsletter. He plans to enter the improved KPS News in competition in 2005.

Tom Copas reported that he has a contract in hand from the Budget Inn. He would be getting a check from Treasurer Richard Ehrlich and returning the signed contract to the Budget Inn for meeting room rental for the March 2005 stamp show and bourse.

Tom Broadhead brought up for discussion the theme for the 2005 stamp show. Members had approved the polio vaccine anniversary as the theme at the last meeting and Ralph Dinwiddie showed some possibilities for cached covers that he had been working on.

Tom Broadhead reported that he had been working with some transportation companies in conjunction with a bus trip for our club and some of his UT students to Atlanta, Georgia and the APS winter show in early 2005. Members want to continue investigating the possibility of this trip.

Tom Broadhead recognized Bruce Roberts and wished him well in exhibiting his stamp collection in competition at the APS show in Sacramento, California.

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

September 11-12

Lexington, KY

Lexington Summer Stamp Show, Continental Inn of Lexington, 801 New Circle Rd NE

Sat - 10-5, Sun 10-4

Sponsored by B & W Stamp Co. and The Henry Clay Philatelic Society

September 18

Roanoke, VA

Roanoke Valley Stamp Fair,

Days Inn, Plantation Rd, I-81, Exit 146

Sat - 10-5

Sponsored by Red Dog Stamps

September 24-26

Atlanta, GA

Peach State Stamp Show, Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA

Fri & Sat - 10-6, Sun 10-4

Sponsored by the SEFSC

October 2-3

Asheville, NC

Stamp & Postcard Show - Blue Ridge Fall 2004,

Comfort Suites Inn,

Brevard Rd., I-26, Exit 33

Sat - 10-5, Sun - 10-4

Sponsored by Richard's Stamp Shop

Jean Byne read a letter she received from member Ron Sarson. He wrote about selling his Canadian stamp collection and downsizing his collection of stamps. Often Ron sends stamps and stamp related material for auction by our club.

Concluding the August meeting, Tom Broadhead presented the program for August. Tom gave a brief talk about the upcoming UT stamp related ceremony for the unveiling of the "Sandy" stamp, one of the ten Arts of the American Indian stamps issued by the USPS.

September Meeting Program

How do you grade a stamp? Grade A or Grade AAA? Like eggs or milk? Fine, very fine or average? With gum? Without gum? This month Richard Ehrlich will take us through the process of grading a postage stamp when he presents his program "Stamp Grading". Be ready to challenge Richard with some questions.

Don't forget the auction

Don't forget the silent stamp auction this Tuesday night. We have been seeing quite a few stamp lots in the silent auctions over the past few months. Most every item put in the auctions has sold. We've seen it all: covers, singles, multiples, foreign and U.S. Why not bring a few of your dups or stamps you don't collect and give someone else a chance to add them to their collection. Lillard Harvey will be glad to show you how easy it is to enter you lots and to bid. Give it a shot!

Calendar of Events September 2004

- 6 Labor Day
- 7 KPS Meeting
- 25 Yom Kippur

October 2004

- 5 KPS Meeting

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

**Tuesday, September 7
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley
Unitarian Universalist
Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

August 2004 U.S. Stamp Issues

**September 10
John Wayne**
37¢ Commemorative single

**September 14
Atlas Statue**
(10¢) coil

**September 30
Sickle Cell Anemia**
37¢ commemorative single



(dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

Your mug on a stamp?

by Tom Broadhead

Do you want to really personalize your mail? Linn's Stamp News recently ran an article about personalized stamps - ones on which you can add your own choice of image. These are not USPS issues, but are authorized for postage prepayment by the USPS.

The company, Stamps.com, is well-established in providing computer-printed postage labels - not too unlike meter imprints. Information about the new product is available on the Web at <http://photo.stamps.com>.

You will need to set up an account online with Stamps.com - easy to do on the "my account" page. Then scan or take a digital photo of the subject you want shown on your stamps. Upload your photo, edit it, and create your sheet of 20 stamps in the denomination of your choice - .23, .37, .49, .60, .83, 1.06, or \$3.85 priority mail postage. All stamps come in sheets of 20, but the price per sheet is more than just the postage. A sheet of 20 postcard stamps at 23 cents each costs \$13.99 - about 3 times the \$4.60 actual postage. A sheet of 20 priority mail stamps, however, is only \$89.99 - about \$13 above face value. Be prepared to pay an additional \$2.99 shipping, regardless of the number of sheets you order.



Are these collectible? Personalized postage, along with other forms of computerized postage open up a new area of collecting, but it will probably be a long time for them to catch on in popularity to traditional government postage stamps.

If you are experimenting with personalized postage or have received any in the mail, please bring examples to a KPS meeting to show!

(The following Press Release was received from the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs)

Peach State Stamp Show

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs will sponsor the Peach State Stamp Show at the Cobb Civic Center, Friday, September 24 through Sunday, September 26, 2004. The show hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday. The Cobb Civic Center is located at 548 South Marietta Parkway in Marietta.

The show, which is free and open to the public, is one of 28 world-class philatelic exhibitions held in the United States.

The Peach State show will feature over 2600 pages of displays from collectors in both the Atlanta area and throughout the nation.

A bourse of 29 stamp dealers from around the country will be available for those who wish to buy or sell philatelic materials.

A special youth area is provided for beginning stamp collectors.

A souvenir cover honoring the first cruise of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan will be available.

The postal History Society and Mobile Post Office Society will be holding their annual meetings in conjunction with the show. In addition the Georgia Postal History Society and the Southeastern Chapter of the American Airmail Society will also hold meetings.

For more information visit our web sites at peachstatestampshow.com and stampclubs.com or call Don La Berteaux at (770) 381-7114.

APS Winter Show

by Bruce Roberts

I traveled to Sacramento the week of August 9 to attend the APS National StAmPShow and enter my exhibit in the Champion of Champions show. My wife and I were able to give up our seats out of Kansas City, wait two hours to take the next plane, and receive two free round trip tickets good anywhere in the lower 48 that United flies for the next year. So I felt like a winner before I ever got to the show. After trips to the Napa Valley and touring Old Sacramento (which included the Pony Express museum...Sacramento was the western terminus for their rides... lots of interesting postal history) I went to put up my exhibit on Wednesday afternoon. It looked like acres of frames (my exhibit was in frames 790 - 798, and there were several lines of frames after mine). The show was staffed by clubs from all over Northern California and we had lots of help. Directly across from my exhibit I saw an exhibit that had the largest known unused multiple of US #1, the largest known multiple of US #38 and a lot of other huge multiples of US classics. Mary and I spent a lot of time touring, including driving to Lake Tahoe, so I was only at the show about 8 hours. There appeared to be about 150 dealers and they were busy most of the time I was there, even on Sunday. On Saturday night, at the awards banquet, after all the other awards were given, and three new famous philatelist signed the Luff scroll of the APS, all the exhibitors in the Champion of Champions were called to the stage. The winner's exhibit was a splendid showing of Mexico's first issue, on and off cover. The rest of us received an impressive medal for having made it to that point. I attended the Regancy auction on Sunday morning, hoping to purchase some cover accumulations. I bought one for about \$100 more than I intended to spend, and could not get close to the other 6 lots (one I had down for worth about \$500 went for \$1500). I also purchased two packet boat covers mailed from Camden Arkansas in 1849 to New Orleans with the boat names written on the outside of the covers. The one surprising thing I found was that, even though I did not win in the competition, my exhibit seemed to generate a lot of excitement because no one has ever seen this topic. Famous collectors whose written works I have used as references sought me out and thanked me for working up a "new" area, and everyone encouraged me to continue to show it "because people need to see this for the information it presents". So . . . the beat goes on.

Report from AIRPEX 2004, Dayton, Ohio
September 11-12
Bruce Roberts

After returning from Sacramento with my exhibit, Arkansas Postal History: Territory to Post Reconstruction, A Selection, I discovered that the Peach State show in Atlanta already had all the exhibits they could accept. While I was in California, one of the judges suggested I try showing in Dayton at AIRPEX 2004; he knew at that point that they were still looking for exhibits. So I called the exhibits chairman and managed to get my 9-frame exhibit in at the last minute. One of the unusual aspects of AIRPEX is it is perhaps the only World Series show that is only a two day show. This was great for me, because I was able to work until about 1 PM on Friday, and still get to Dayton in time to put up my exhibit, thus taking only 3 hours off rather than two full days. The drive was just over 5 hours, including fighting through the Cincinnati rush hour, and the location was just 3 miles off I-75, so it was easy to find. The show was held in a new location, the TARA EXHIBIT HALL, after having been held downtown in the main Dayton Convention center for years. The TARA includes several full size ice rinks and they were all active with youth games when I got there around 6:00 PM on Friday. AIRPEX was held in the Silver convention hall. I was met by well-prepared exhibit assistants who quickly got me to my frames and assisted in getting the exhibit in place. As it happened, one of the judges was Paul Phillips, a former Knoxville Stamp Club member, now living in Cincinnati. I ran into him as I was leaving the exhibit area and he introduced me to a couple of other judges. Since Paul had just judged my exhibit in California, I told him I had one new page with two new covers, otherwise no changes. He suggested I show him the page, containing two waterway packet covers from Camden, Arkansas to New Orleans in 1849. On Saturday, I spent the day going through cover boxes. There were 20 dealers, and most were busy, especially the cover dealers. I also talked awhile with the APS representative, who had his own table. There were 18 exhibits, including three one-frame exhibits. I attended the meeting of the Ohio Postal History society. I was envious, as they have 200 members (so few people are interested in Arkansas, I always feel like the Lone Ranger), and about 16 attended the meeting. Ribbons went up on the exhibits by 4 PM. I was one of three gold medal winners in the multi-frame group and hoped for another Grand. The judges' critique was held at 5:00 PM. I got two very good suggestions from a judge who had not seen my exhibit before, plus one judge familiar with Louisiana history, pointed out I had a slight misspelling in one of the Louisiana destinations in the exhibit. So I have three changes to make. The awards "banquet" that night was a light snacks and cash bar affair, which was quite pleasant. The exhibit quality was so high that no exhibit got less than a Silver, which is very unusual. I won the APS research medal, which is seldom awarded and is a high prestige award, and then the Reserve Grand, losing to a wonderful study of Cleveland Postal History to 1868. I was surprised to discover in conversation with this exhibitor that the Great Lakes played little or no part in mail transportation... in Arkansas most of the mail was carried on the rivers for most of the 19th century. Sunday was spent with my search for more dated revenue stamps for my "other" collection, and I was able to add about 40 new days. Overall, I had a great time, and recommend that collectors from the Knoxville area consider travelling to Dayton next year.

Off to the Northeast with Stu

by Stu Hanlein

As most of you were attending the August meeting of the KPS, my wife and I were arriving at the 83rd Annual Convention of the Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) held in Bedford, New Hampshire. We arrived late in the evening on August 1, after a 12 hour trip from our son's home in Maryland (from Maryland to Maine, it seemed that everyone was returning home from the shore) and \$25.00 in road tolls. (After talking to the locals, we returned home on an inland route, which was about 25 miles longer, but only one 50-cent toll.) The PSS show started on the following morning at 8 a.m. with about 50 people in attendance. There were 30 precancel dealers and every precancel collector was busily visiting all the dealers. I searched the dealers' inventories for one particular type of precancel from Knoxville that I needed to complete my collection of all types listed in the PSS catalogs but was unable to find this \$4.00 item.

The Perfin Collectors Club attended the show in full force. These club members are religious in their zeal to collect "holey" stamps!

The show was a complete success for me as I added several hundred new stamps to my various collections and acquired the latest catalogs, which are now on computer disks. As a matter of fact, I noted several younger collectors who I think are attracted to the hobby because of the computerization of these catalogs. I never saw so many laptops at one show. The only disappointment during the show came when the scheduled whale watch for the non-collector spouses was cancelled because of high seas caused by a hurricane in the Atlantic.

After this exhausting week we visited with our son near the Washington, DC area. I got out my trusty Linn's and found two shows on the weekend. I went to HagerPex XXX sponsored by the Hagerstown, Maryland Stamp Club. There were 13 dealers at this show and only 2 had any precancel stamps so it was a let down for me. I did have a good day when I found a Minkus Global Supreme album binder for my worldwide collection. I managed to find several stamps for my worldwide stamp collection and I met some very nice folks. This show was a mere 50-minute drive from my son's home.

The next day, Sunday, August 15, the Suburban Maryland Stamp and Cover Show was held in Rockville, Maryland, which was only 10 minutes away. My luck ran out as 2 of the 10 dealers had been in the Hagerstown show the day before. I did find 3 new precancels but that was about all as there were more covers than stamps and I don't save them - - yet! Again I enjoyed meeting some new dealers and educated them on the need for inventorying more precancels. One dealer mentioned that he bid on a lot of precancels recently at an auction and was astounded that the lot went for several thousand dollars. He later found that there were two of the perf 10 x 11 errors in the lot!!

In closing may I suggest when you are away from home, check the Linn's Stamp Events Calendar before you go and take in a show while you are on the road. Even if you don't add any new stamps to your collection you will enjoy being with folks whom have a similar interest as you.

Knoxville Philatelic Society

News



APS Chapter 1189-119261

October 2004

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October is Stamp Collecting Month! So how will you be celebrating? You could start into a new area of stamp collecting. How about starting a topical stamp collection. Collect all of the U. S. Greetings of America stamps in used condition. Now that's a challenge. Start a Great Britain Machin collection. You could begin to collect all 500+ varieties (actually the number is into the 1000s) of the Machin stamps as Jean Giesler is doing. Then there are post card collections with views of Knoxville in the early years or greeting cards from years gone by. Topics are fun and I find that there is such a thing as completing a topical collection. I discovered many years ago that I would never finish my worldwide stamp collection but that I could complete a used U. S. Christmas issues collection or a United Stamps Chinese New Year collection. And, watch out Bruce Roberts and Tom Broadhead, you can easily turn that topical collection into a single frame exhibit for entry into KNOXPEX 2005 in March. Now what do you think about this idea to celebrate Stamp Collecting Month?

It was surprising to see so many members turn out for the meeting last month. As you will recall, hurricane Frances had just hit Florida and the rain and wind were pounding down in Knoxville on this day. We had nearly 50% of our membership weather the storm to attend the September meeting. I hope that we can continue this kind of turnout. Richard Ehrlich gave a very good program, which stirred responses from meeting attendees.

This month the United States Postal Service will be issuing the new holiday stamps. During

October we will see the issuance of the Madonna and Child, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa stamps. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find sale dates for these stamps. You'll have to wait until November for the Holiday Ornaments stamps.

Well I'm off to do some more sorting of the 13,000+ used worldwide stamps that I picked up from Bill Muenser a month or so ago.

See you at the KPS meeting this month.

Have fun collecting . . .



Jim

New Meeting Format

In a decision made by the KPS Executive Board at their August meeting, the evening's stamp program will be at the head of the meeting instead of at the end. In the past, the President started the meeting with reports, old and new business. With discussions the business portion of the meeting took up too much time, leaving

the program presenter with little time to present a well prepared and interesting stamp program

before it got too late and members started to leave. Members spend a lot of time preparing their program and typically meeting attendees enjoy adding to the program. The August program, presented by Richard Ehrlich, was well received and enjoyed.

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And speaking of the KPS Executive Board meeting, the next one will be November 30. If anyone has anything that they would like the Board to discuss, please let an officer know. You will find officer contact information (email, phone) elsewhere in KPS News. You can always mail your thoughts to my attention at the KPS address located at the beginning of this newsletter.

Thanks Norm

Norm Carlevato entertained members last month with a box of picture post cards and greeting cards from the early 1900s. He inherited this box of cards from a relative, and since he doesn't collect this material, he brought it to the club meeting to share with KPS members. I picked up a few cards, as did quite a few others. I believe that the balance of the cards was donated by Norm to a group of young beginning stamp collectors.

September Meeting Report

Even with the rain coming down, 15 members turned out for the September meeting, presided over by President Tom Broadhead. Following about an hour of swapping stamp stories and stamps, Tom called the meeting to order.

Tom began the meeting by announcing that following the closing of the silent auction, the stamp program for the evening would be presented. Tom closed the auction which consisted of about four lots (the least that we've had of late) and introduced Richard Ehrlich with his program on Stamp Grading and Conditions.

Richard brought with him numerous examples of stamps to pass around as he made points about their condition and how he graded stamps for his collection. Richard's presentation drew a lot of comments, adding to the evening's program. In his final remarks, Richard emphasized the importance of stamp condition and its value, based on condition and grading.

Following the September program, Tom asked Jim Pettway to give a report from the August 31, 2004, KPS Executive Board Meeting. Treasurer Richard Ehrlich passed out KPS financial statements and the KPS budget for the fiscal year 2004/05, which he had revised since the Board meeting.

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After Jim's report and the reports, Gerald Schroedl posed the question as to why the KPS was viewing of the financial loosing money. Board members present at the meeting noted the loss of revenue from the last club stamp show/bourse was one reason, and Jim Pettway pointed out that the club dues didn't cover the cost of printing and mailing the month newsletter.

(dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

Gerald continued his questioning by asking why the Board had decided to not buy the current editions of the Scott catalogues for the club library. Board members answered that the club currently has no place for permanent storage or access to publications in the club library and that current Scott catalogues were available and more readily accessible from the public library.

Other subjects that were discussed during the September meeting were the bus trip to the American Philatelic Society show in Atlanta in February 2005 and KNOXPEX 2005. Ralph Dinwiddie was asked to hold for next meeting information he had about the KNOXPEX cachet covers.

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

**October 16-17
Memphis, TN
MEMPHEX '04**
Holiday Inn,
2490 Mt. Moriah Rd.
10-6 Sat, 10-4 Sun
Sponsored by Memphis
Stamp Collectors Society

**October 23-24
Augusta, GA
GAPEX**
The Guesthouse Inn,
3023 Washington Rd.
Sponsored by
Greater Augusta Stamp
Club

**October 30
Roanoke, VA
ROAPEX 2004**
Business Science Bldg.
VA Western Comm Coll
3095 Colonial Ave.
10-4:30 Saturday
Sponsored by Big Lick
Stamp Club of Roanoke
Valley

**November 5-7
Virginia Beach, VA
VAPEX**
VA Pavilion Conv. Ctr.
11-6 Fri, 10-6 Sat and
10-4 Sun

**October 2004
U.S. Stamp Issues**



**October 15
Madonna & Child**
37¢ commemorative single



**October 16
Hanukkah**
37¢ commemorative single



**October 17
Kwanzaa**
37¢ commemorative single

**October 25
Moss Hart**
37¢ commemorative single

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

**Tuesday, October 5
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley
Unitarian Universalist
Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

October Program

Bruce Roberts will present the October program. Keeping with the subject of stamp grading and condition from last month's program, Bruce will talk about centering during his program "Stamp Centering: why Scott is so wrong about this!" Now, I ask you, how can Scott be wrong? Join us and find out who is right and who is wrong.

Do you want to go to Atlanta?

There has been talk over the past few months of the KPS attending the American Philatelic Society, AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta, Georgia, in 2005, as a group. It has been suggested that the club rent a bus and take members and guests to the show and return in one day. The cost will depend on the number of people participating. The bus would leave early Friday (February 18) or Saturday (February 19) to arrive for the

opening of the show and then leave following the close of the show. Everyone would be on his/her own while at AmeriStamp Expo. Guests and spouses might like to take the trip and visit the Cobb Galleria (across from the show) while the stamp collectors attend the show.

If you would like to be counted in the trip please be at the October meeting or let an officer of the club or some member know that you are interested. I refer you to the club's officer list on page two for phone numbers and addresses.

Stock Book Circulating

Our fellow KPS members from England, Nicholas and Jirina Stone, left a stamp stock book with Dale Kangas to review and pass on to other members. The stock book contains off-paper, used stamps from around the world, including Europe and South America. The Stone's are asking 33% of Scott with proceeds going to charity. If you are interested in picking through this stock book, contact Dale at the next meeting or give him a call.

Thanks for contributing!

And a big "Thank you!" to those members whom have contributed stamp articles to the KPS News in recent months. In this month's newsletter you will find an article written by Stu Hanlein and his trip to the northeastern United States this past summer and Bruce Roberts report from AIRPEX. Keep the articles coming.

Calendar of Events October 2004

5	KPS Meeting
11	Columbus Day
16	National Boss Day
24	United Nations Day
31	Daylight Saving

Time ends

November 2004

2 KPS Meeting

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It's been some 3 years or so ago that I sent an email to the American Philatelic Society (APS) concerning the decline in stamp club (APS as well as local) memberships. I suggested at that time that I thought that stamp collecting organizations should lend more attention to recruiting adults (specifically persons over 50 years of age) into membership and less on youth. I didn't get a positive response at that time. As I recall, shortly before Janet Klug was elected President of the APS I sent a similar email to her to which she acknowledged. Ms Klug indicated in her reply that she would be looking into this subject and my suggestions when she got into office. I don't know if you have noticed it or not but in recent months I've seen articles, editorials and letters to the editor on this very same subject in more than just the American Philatelist. I suggested at the last KPS meeting that the Executive Board of the KPS take up the subject of ways to recruit adults into our membership during the November board meeting.

I don't have figures in front of me to reference, but just look around you and I believe that you will agree, most stamp collectors you see are 50 years of age or older. How many do you know who are in their teens? For too long stamp collectors have been "in the closet", for different reasons, not wanting to share their hobby with others. When was the last time that you (stamp collector) brought up the topic of stamp collecting to a non-stamp collector? One of my suggestions to the APS was to barter with the American Association of Retired People (AARP) and, in exchange for an article on the fun of stamp collecting in the AARP member publication, the APS would be provided some advertising. I don't think that our club carries

enough clout to obtain such publicity but I do believe that we can offer programs to clubs where we can publicize our hobby to adults (those of AARP membership age). In addition, we, as individual members and stamp collectors can come out of the closet and share our interest in stamp collecting with others.

Why not give it a try? What do you/we have to lose?

Please understand me, as I'm not saying to forget the youth, but that I feel we should focus more on getting more adults started or restated in stamp collecting. In addition to giving away "youth" packets at stamp shows, how about "adult" starter packs?

(These are my views and not necessarily the views of others in the KPS. This newsletter is open for similar or opposing views on this subject.)

See you at the KPS meeting this month.

Have fun collecting . . .

Jim

Who Collects Bees?

Arlene Samford does! Though Arlene does not raise bees, if you want to know anything about bees, just ask her. Arlene found time in her busy schedule to visit the KPS meeting in October.

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She lives in Cherokee, NC, and fortunately for us, had business in Knoxville on the same day as our meeting, so she was able to attend our meeting before trekking back over the mountains. Arlene has been collecting stamps since she received a stamp album and some stamps for Christmas at the age of 11 (we'll say more than 50 years ago). It was not until 1980 that she became really involved in bee's and the collecting of bee objects. In 1980 Arlene was very instrumental in the design and publicity of the 15¢ honeybee and orange blossoms stamped envelope (Scott U145). The first day for this cover was in Paris, Illinois, where Arlene resided at the time. Arlene's interest in stamp collecting goes beyond the topic of bees, as she collects stamps on the subject of minerals and gems and, since her dog sled rides in Alaska, dogs and dog sleds. Arlene is quite active in volunteer work in the Cherokee area. She enjoys making bee cakes and cookies by the dozens for school children. Arlene is an active lady and I really enjoyed visiting with her during the October meeting. I hope that she'll have the chance to join us more often.

October Meeting Report

The October 2004 meeting was attended by thirteen members including two members who haven't been with us in quite some time: Arlene Samford and Elaine Evans.

Only 4 stamp lots were entered for the auction and unfortunately none received a bid!

Following about an hour of exchanging stamp stores, meeting members, viewing auction lots and swapping stamps, President Tom Broadhead brought the meeting to order and introduced Bruce Roberts for the program. Bruce's program, "Stamp Centering: why Scott is so wrong about this!", was a presentation of his view of how centering of a stamp should be more exactly defined and used universally when considering stamp condition (average, fine, very fine, etc.). Bruce passed around copies of auction lots taken from auction firm's catalogues and pointed out how auction firms viewed centering differently when assigning condition to stamps. Bruce explained his simple solution to this problem. Overall, members agreed that there needs to be a universal definition of centering but getting such has always been a problem.

Arlene Samford gave a brief report of what she has been doing of late. She recently donated covers and postmarks to the Postmarks Museum in Old Lime, Ohio. Many members did not know that such a museum existed. Arlene donated the door prize of stationery with stamp border to winner Bruce Roberts for accumulating the most number of years of stamp collecting without interruption.

Treasure Richard Erhlich presented the latest Treasure report.

In old business, the location and details of the December Christmas Dinner/Meeting were discussed. Bruce Kenny had been pursuing the suggestion of Calhoun's as a meeting place but his report to Tom Broadhead was not favorable because of the cost. It was decided that this location was not in the clubs best interest and members gave Bruce Roberts the authority to find a suitable place at a price equivalent to the cost of last year's Christmas dinner. Bruce accepted the project.

Since the last KPS meeting, an email was received by Executive Board members from Bill Muenzer, announcing his resignation as KnoxPex 2005 Bourse chairman. Bruce Roberts stepped in and said that he would take up the position. Members accepted his offer. In addition, members approved Gerald Schroedl for the position of KnoxPex 2005 Show Chairman and Tom Broadhead as KnoxPex 2005 Publicity Chairman.

And finally in old business, the bus trip to the American Philatelic Society show in Atlanta, Georgia, in February was discussed. Before making a final decision as to whether to continue with this project or not, members suggested that the KPS Secretary take a poll of members with email addresses and find out how many of these members would take advantage of the trip.

In new business it was suggested that the Executive Board of the KPS, at their November meeting, discuss ways to approach senior citizens for membership in the Knoxville Philatelic Society.

The October 2004 KPS meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

No KPS Trip to Atlanta

As requested by KPS members during the October meeting, the KPS Secretary polled KPS email members during October as to whether they would take advantage of a bus trip to Atlanta, Georgia, for the winter APS show. Out of 22 emails sent out, only 12 bothered to reply. Of the 12 responses only 4 indicated that they would sign up for the trip. In an email to the Executive Board members, the Secretary reported the results of the poll and motioned that the project be abandoned due to lack of interest or commitment of KPS members. The Executive Board agreed. There will be no KPS organized trip to Atlanta next year.

Are you on the KPS Email List?

If you would like to be included in emails concerning KPS business, just drop Jim Pettway an email request and he will gladly add you to the "blind copy" email list.

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

November 5-7

Virginia Beach, VA

VAPEX 2004

Virginia Beach Pavilion
Convention Center

11-6 Fri, 10-6 Sat,

10-4 Sun

Sponsored by Virginia
Philatelic Federation, Inc.

November 7

Asheville, NC

**29th Appalachian Stamp
& Post Card Show**

Quality Inn and Suites

I-26, Exit 37

9:30-4:30 Sunday

Sponsored by Another
World (Herbert Schulman)

December 4-5

Asheville, NC

**Blue Ridge Winter 2004
Stamp & Postcard Show**

Comfort Suites Inn, I-26,

Exit 33 (Brevard Rd.)

10-5 Sat, 10-4 Sun

Sponsored by Richard's
Stamp Shop

KnoxPex 2005

March 5 and 6

Gerald Schroedl

Show Chairman

Tom Broadhead

Publicity Chairman

Tom Copas

Facilities Chairman

Bruce Roberts

Bourse Chairman

**November 2004
U.S. Stamp Issues**

November 17

**Holiday
Ornaments**

Four 37¢ special stamps



(dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

November Program

Ever been island hopping? Gerald Schroedl will take us on a trip "Island Hoppin': Letters in Paradise". Gerald will present his studies on the inter-island postal history of the Caribbean Islands. This will be a fun adventure!

**Knoxville Philatelic
Society Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 2
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley
Unitarian Universalist
Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

Calendar of Events

November 2004

- 2 KPS Meeting
- 2 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 KPS Fifth Tuesday
Swap Meeting
- 30 KPS Executive
Board Meeting

December 2004

- 7 KPS Christmas
Dinner/Meeting

Christmas Dinner/Meeting Set

This year the Knoxville Philatelic Society Christmas Dinner and Meeting will be held at Ramsey's Cafeteria, 5331 Central Ave. Pike, in North Knoxville. The date is December 7 (our regularly scheduled meeting date) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring a stamp related wrapped gift of \$5.00 or less to exchange during the evening. Last year was a tremendous success with about 30 members and guests attending the holiday social. This year we have a private room for our holiday celebration. No business will be conducted. Plan to attend and bring a guest. More details of the December 7 event and directions to Ramsey's will be in the next newsletter.

KPS Philatelic Library

Enclosed with this newsletter is a list of catalogues, books, and publications currently held in the KPS Philatelic Library. Thanks to Tom Broadhead for compiling this list, as well as housing the library at his home. Anyone interested in checking out any of these publications is ask to contact Tom and make arrangements for picking up what you want. Tom will be glad to deliver your request at any regular KPS meeting. As you will notice the most current edition of the Scott catalogues is dated 2002. You are encouraged to visit your local library to view a more current edition. It was the feelings of the Executive Board of the KPS to not spend money on a more current set of Scott catalogues when an up-to-date set is more readily available at the public library.

By the way, does anyone know where volume 4 of this 2002 set might be found? Did you take this copy with you and forget to return it?

5th Tuesday Swap Meeting

The month of November has 5 Tuesdays and that means we have a 5th Tuesday swap! Pull out some of those unwanted or duplicate stamps and bring them on down at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 30, and see what kind of deals you can make. We always have a good turnout for this meeting, so come and join in. We have members who collect the Great Britain Machin stamps. We have members who collect perfins and precancel stamps. Stu Hanlein would love to add to his U.S. precancel collection as would Jean Giesler like to add to his Machin collection. I (Jim Pettway) wouldn't mind seeing some used Great Britain and U.S. Christmas stamps. Then we have cover collectors and postcard collectors. Bring what you want to trade, give-away, or sell. This meeting is at our regular meeting place.

And Speaking of Christmas Issues

As I mentioned above, I collect used Great Britain and United States Christmas stamps. I have compiled a list of stamp issues from both of these countries. I have these stamps listed by year and Scott number. I use my list as an

inventory/check-off list. If you would like either or both lists I would be glad to send it to you. Just mail me a self addressed, stamped (37¢ for one list, 60¢ for both lists) envelope and I will send a copy back to you. If you would like me to bring you a list to the next KPS meeting, again just let me know.

Need some stamp articles

Members really do enjoy reading short (single page) stamp related articles written by fellow KPS members. We have had a few such articles in the past months but I came up dry for November. Take a few minutes and write a few paragraphs about your stamp collection, a stamp show that you attended recently, or a stamp story from a past or recent experience. How did you get started in stamp collecting? Why did you choose XXXX as your topic to collect? How do you soak stamps off of paper? How do you store/organize your duplicate stamp items? I'll edit your story to fit the newsletter. Let's go now. I know you can help me out and members will enjoy the reading.

Executive Board Meets in November

The Executive Board Meets November 30 at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the 5th Tuesday Swap Meeting.

KnoxPex 2005 Knoxville, Tennessee

March 5 and 6, 2005

Budget Inns of America
Exit I-40 West onto
North Cedar Bluff Road

14 Dealers
Live Auction Saturday Evening
Free Admission
Award Winning Framed Exhibits
Show Cancellation
Show Cachet



Happy Thanksgiving



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Happy Holidays and welcome to the last KPS News of the year. I have quite a few things to bring to you this month starting with details of our annual KPS Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 7. And then there is KNOXPEX 2005, for which planning is already in high gear. Details of these two events and more will follow in the News.

I got a few comments about my opening note in the November KPS News concerning the recruiting of adults as well as youth. Did any of you "come out of the closet" and bring up your collecting interest to those you came into contact with last month? If not, then do give it a try. I know that I mentioned my stamp collecting to a few people and they were interested in what I had to say. I can't say that I succeeded to the point of signing up a new member but the folks that I talked to know a little about our hobby now, and how much fun I am having.

What better time than the holiday, gift-giving season, to get someone started in stamp collecting. A good beginning for a youngster or adult would be a small stock book and a packet of topical stamps (topics centered on this time of year would be nice - holiday stamps, toys, etc.). I read recently, and agree, the best way to get someone interested in stamp collecting is to introduce him or her to topical collecting. Forget about a stamp album at this time, instead show your prospective collector how to arrange his newly received stamps in his stock book. Each page would be a specific topic.

I hope that each of you has a nice safe holiday and that you get some nice philatelic gift to tell us about at the January KPS meeting.

See you at the Christmas Dinner, December 7 . .

Have fun collecting . . . and show someone else the way.

Jim Pettway

November Meeting Report

The November 2004 KPS meeting was attended by fifteen (15) members. No stamp lots were entered into auction this month.

Members enjoyed visiting and exchanging stamp stories, and swapping stamps during the first hour of the meeting. President Tom Broadhead brought the meetings to order at 8:00. Program Chairman Bruce Roberts introduced Gerald Schroedl who presented the November program. Gerald's program, "Island Hoppin': Letters in Paradise", took members on a trip to the Lesser Antilles as he told about island post offices and mail service between the islands. His program was well received.

Following the program Bruce Roberts reported on and gave some details about the December KPS dinner to be held at Ramsey's Cafeteria in Knoxville.

Treasure Richard Ehrlich presented the latest Treasure report.

In old business, Jim Pettway reported the results of the KPS internet/email poll of KPS members concerning the trip to the American Philatelic Society stamp show in Atlanta in February 2005. Based on the poll results and prior to this meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to discontinue the pursuit of this project due to lack of interest. Members agreed with the Board's decision.

Jim Pettway reported on the email poll to email members of the KPS concerning the time and financing of the December dinner. Following lively discussion on the subject and weighing in the poll results, by a vote of 12 FOR and 3 AGAINST, members passed a motion made by Ken Korp to require members and guests to pay for this dinner. The KPS would not pay any toward the meals this year.

During the above discussion Bruce Roberts (FOR the club paying for the dinners) commented that paying for the dinners was somewhat of a repayment to those that spend much of their time and money during the year on club projects and business. It was decided that the KPS Board of Directors might discuss the club paying dues for officers each year.

Discussion next moved on to the KPS bourse/show coming up in March 2005. Show Chairman Gerald Schroedl had a list of items to cover. Gerald asked members if they wanted to have exhibits and if so who would chair this part of the bourse/show. No one stepped forward but members were to give input and have final discussion on this at the next meeting.

Gerald commented on the process of the bourse/show auction. It was decided that the deadline for submitting an auction form for participation in the auction would be February 18. Jim Pettway would include an auction form in the KPS News each month until the show, beginning with the December newsletter.

Other items on Gerald's list, including youth activities (and beginner activities - adults, etc.) for the bourse/show, a silent auction, a member sales table, and publicity were discussed. Richard Ehrlich made a motion that the KPS purchase a mailing list/ mailing labels from the American Philatelic Society for use in mailing publicity about the show. Jim Pettway reminded members that he had an Excel file computer list of names and addresses of attendees of the 2003 and 2004 KPS shows and could provide mailing labels from this list. Richard's motion was tabled until the November KPS Executive Board meeting. There were other suggestions for contacting stamp collectors for the KPS show as well as membership.

The November meeting adjourned at 9:30.

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KnoxPex Live Auction

As mentioned earlier, the deadline for submitting the KnoxPex 2005 Live Auction form is February 18. Now to some that might seem like a long time away, but if you are like me, that's too close for comfort. Enclosed with this newsletter is your very own Live Auction form. Start taking a serious look at items that you would like to submit for this auction and complete the form accordingly. Be sure to read the instructions and comply. In the past people (okay, I'm guilty) have brought items to be entered into the auction just minutes before the auction was to begin. This causes confusion for all. We cannot allow this to happen this year. Fill out your Live Auction form and submit it by February 18. The time is needed to write up the auction list (catalog) and generally get things organized before the live event. Past live auctions, following the Saturday Knoxpex bourse/show, have really been lively and fun. You can pick up some good deals, too.

Tom brings us news

This past September Tom Broadhead ran into former KPS President Nicole (Pendleton) Gamble at the Peach State Stamp Show in Marietta, Georgia. Nicole is working at Callaway Gardens in Georgia, where she will be in charge of a new exhibit on butterflies and insects next summer (2005). Nicole came to the Peach State Stamp Show to purchase some topical material and meet with Don LaBerteaux, president of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, about obtaining exhibit frames for the summer exhibit. APS treasurer, Nancy Clark was also at the show and pledged assistance from the APS for Nicole's project, which will also receive assistance from the American Topical Association.

Since leaving Knoxville, Nicole has not had much time for work on her topical exhibit on parrots, which earned a vermeil at VAPEX a few years ago. She is looking forward to next summer's philatelic exhibits at Callaway that will match the outstanding butterfly breeding program at the gardens.

KPS Library

Last month you received a list of stamp publications available in the KPS Library. If you would like any item on this list just contact Tom Broadhead (687-8134, or twbroadhead@utk.edu) to make delivery/pickup arrangements.

We are still trying to locate volume 4 of the Scott 2002 catalog set. Look around and see if you might have it and if so get it to Tom so that the KPS Library set will be complete.

Calendar of Events

December 2004

- 7 KPS Meeting
- 7 Hanukkah begins
- 21 Winter begins
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanzaa begins

January 2005

- 1 New Year Day
- 4 KPS Meeting

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

Sorry but there isn't anything to list for the month of December or early January. There are some bourses/shows in January that I'll list next month.

KnoxPex 2005 March 5 and 6

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**Knoxville Philatelic
Society Annual
Christmas Dinner**

**Tuesday, December 7
6:30 P.M.**

Ramsey's Cafeteria

**5331 Central Ave. Pike
North Knoxville**

What's cookin'?

Knoxville Philatelic Society Christmas Dinner will be held at Ramsey's Cafeteria, 5331 Central Ave. Pike, in North Knoxville. The date is December 7 (our regularly scheduled meeting date) beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be cafeteria style where you chose what you want as you pass down the serving line. Members and guests are responsible for paying for their meal which should be no more than about \$8 to \$10. With this set up, you are welcomed just to come and have desert and coffee if you wish. You are not required to purchase a meal to attend. Members and guests are asked to bring a stamp related wrapped gift of \$5.00 or less to exchange during the evening. Last year was a tremendous success with about 30 members and guests attending the holiday social. This year we have a private room for our holiday celebration, so there should be less noise than last year's dinner location. Last I heard, Tom Broadhead will challenge us with some stamp trivia questions so be ready to take the prize. Last year's winner was Bruce Roberts. Plan to attend and bring a guest.

How do you get there from here?

So where is Ramsey's Cafeteria? From I-640 exit onto I-75 North (toward Lexington, KY). Take the first I-75 exit, Exit 108, Merchants Drive. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Merchants Drive. Immediately get into the left lane so that you can turn left onto Central Avenue. Go past the BP gas station on the corner and immediately turn into the parking lot on the left. You are now in front of Ramsey's.

Condolences

Last month BettyAnne Logan's husband, Ed, passed away. She and Ed shared 58 years of marriage. We extend our condolences to BettyAnne and her family. BettyAnne has been an active member of the KPS for many years.

ATA Free Directory

The American Topical Association recently published an updated Service Directory and it is being made available to collectors at no cost. In addition to names and addresses of all officers of the ATA and information on study units and chapters, you will find a section listing the titles of all ATA Topical Handbooks. To receive your free copy, send an addressed, stamped (37¢) No. 10 envelope with your request to ATA Director, Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057.



Time to Pay Up

I got my dues notice from the American Philatelic Society the other day as I imagine many of you did, and it reminded me that it is also time to pay dues to the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Very simply, mail your membership dues to the Knoxville Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422.

\$10.00 single
\$12.00 family
\$ 2.00 youth (under 18 yrs.)

Now you're set for the year!

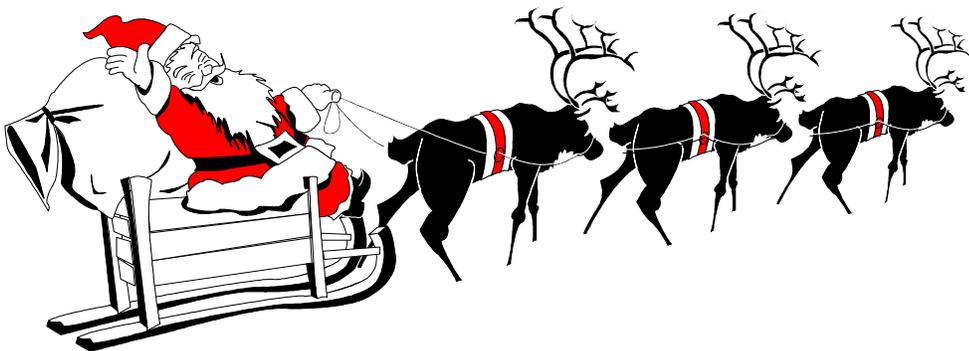
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Budget Inns of America
Exit I-40 West onto
North Cedar Bluff Road

14 Dealers
Live Auction Saturday Evening
Free Admission
Award Winning Framed Exhibits
Show Cancellation
Show Cachet

Happy Holidays



Notes From Our Traveling Philatelist

by Stu Hanlein

Again my wife and I have been traveling back up north to Maryland to visit with our son and daughter-in-law. And I'm off to the stamp shows!

With my trusty copy of Linn's, I searched for stamp shows within an hour's drive or so from my home base, Germantown, Maryland. My first trip was to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to attend Gettypex 04 sponsored by the Blue and Gray Stamp Club of Gettysburg. The show was held in the meeting room of the local fire department, located right in the heart of this historic city - a beautiful new, spacious facility. I was warmly greeted by a very pleasant group of collectors. They were really geared up for encouraging kids to participate as they had tables of free stamps and numerous giveaways for the kids. I told them about our (KPS) efforts and they were interested in our (KPS) string-pull. Lucky me, I won the first door prize and picked up a batch of United Nations stamps all on cover. I spent quite a while at the USPS branch office they had at the show where I found stamps dating back about 20 years. The USPS even had a Lewis and Clark uncut sheet but someone beat me to that. In all there were 13 dealers, most of whom were locals and were very reasonable with pricing. I, of course, chased after my precancels without much success until I chatted with a dealer who had bought a recent collection. He didn't bring the collection to this show but luckily he was attending a show the next day that I had planned to attend as well.

So, on Sunday, October 31, I attended the Suburban Maryland Stamp and Cover Show held in Rockville, Maryland, which was 15 minutes from my Germantown base. I had attended this show before when I last visited the area and was somewhat disappointed because most of the dealers were into covers. However, this time I did manage to pick up the precancel collection from the dealer I had met the day before, thus it was a good day! The collection was a Bureau Album but the collector obviously didn't know the difference as it contained quite a few locals as well. There was nothing rare but the material was good. I also met stamp dealer James Reeves. He promotes his own show in Baltimore, Maryland, and also advertises heavily in Linn's. I have bought supplies from him in the past - a fine gentleman, I might add.

My third show was the Quarterly Coin and Stamp Show held at the Vienna Community Center in Vienna, Virginia, close by the area where I used to work when I lived in the DC-Metro area. Here is where my luck ran out. The coin dealers had a huge room with about 50 dealers while the stamp dealers, totaling 15, were wedged into a very small room. I felt sorry for these gentlemen because the collectors couldn't even sit down to look at the stamps without being bounced around by the other collectors. This is how not to do business. I doubt that very many of the dealers were happy with this setup. I did manage to pick up a few foreign collections before I crushed and headed home.

One again, I recommend that you take a look at your stamp publications (Linn's, The American Philatelist, Global Stamp News, etc.) before you head out of town. There are a lot of good shows to visit and some new material to be found. Good luck finding that "needle in a haystack"!