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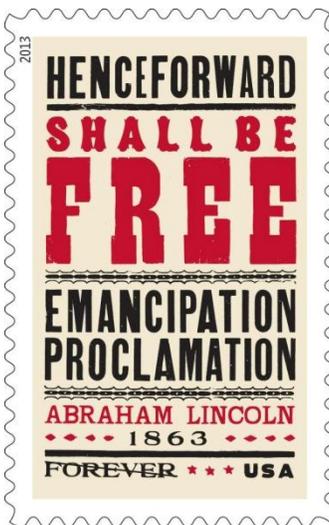
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Emancipation Proclamation Stamp – the Tennessee Connection!

At long last, on November 26, the US Postal Service released the design for the Emancipation Sesquicentennial stamp. It has a great graphic design that was modeled after the letterpress posters created over 130 years by Hatch Show Print in Nashville. If you have ever been to hotels or country music spots, including the Grand Old Opry, in Nashville, you have probably seen some Hatch Show Print posters. The Ryman Auditorium website has a special tab and history for Hatch - www.ryman.com/about/hatch.



That Tennessee connection is exciting. The USPS web site says that “art director Antonio Alcalá worked with graphic designer Gail Anderson” to design the stamp. The connection is that Antonio Alcalá is the son-in-law of our late member **Stuart McNiell** (KPS news – July 2010).

And, finally, Tennessee was not listed among the states from which

slaves were to be emancipated! Why? By late 1862, much of Tennessee was in Union hands. Andrew Johnson had become military governor, and the military government proceeded to declare an end to slavery in the state before the Proclamation.

There you have it – three Tennessee connections!

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

I would like to start by wishing everyone reading this newsletter (members and nonmembers alike) a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. May at least some of your fondest philatelic dreams come true in 2013!

As we begin a new year, it's time to focus on the single biggest annual event on our philatelic calendar: KNOX-PEX. If you haven't already, reserve March 2-3, and plan to not just attend, but fully participate in all the show has to offer. That starts with volunteering to help with some aspect of running the show, whether it be set up or tear down, spending a couple of hours at the youth or registration tables, or helping with our live auction. See **Charlie Wade** for more ways you can help. It's a fact, though, that without plenty of volunteers each year, this show simply doesn't happen.

Secondly, please consider exhibiting. Not only is philatelic exhibiting a satisfying experience in itself, but I've found that the project is very educational. As you organize and explain your exhibit, you discover new gaps in your knowledge, which require research to fill. In the end, you're a more knowledgeable collector!

Finally, I would be remiss in not mentioning a new feature of this year's show I am personally excited about. For the first time, KNOXPEX is hosting the annual meeting of the Tennessee Postal History Society. If you enjoy reading and studying history, as well as philately, this is the organization for you. We're still hopeful for some exhibits from their members which, along with their meeting, should provide us a great introduction to this collecting area.

Help us make KNOXPEX a great success and come join in the fun!

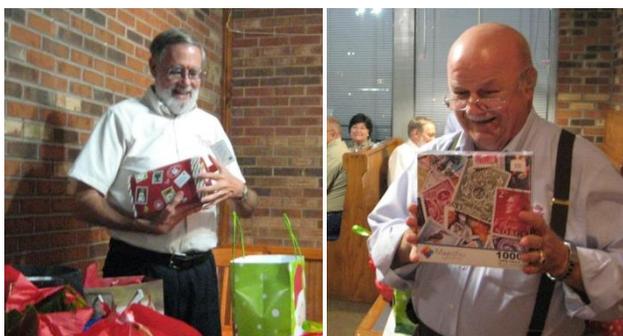
Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 4, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Great American Steak & Buffet for its December meeting and annual holiday dinner. Thirty three members and guests attended.



A special treat was a cd containing all KPS newsletters, and an election day cachet, both prepared by **Ralph Dinwiddie** (above left with **Jim Pettway**).



The annual gift exchange included philatelic items like **Thomas Lane's** decorative mail box and **Stu Hanlein's** stamp puzzle.

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There was no dress-code specified for the dinner, but **Thomas Lane, Gary Santini, Bruce Roberts, Jim Pettway, Stu Hanlein, Tom Broadhead, and Charlie Wade** all wore their KPS logo shirts.

Thanks go to **Jim Pettway** and **Dale Kangas** for photos.

KPS Calendar

Post the enclosed calendar on your refrigerator and make a New Year's resolution to not miss any KPS monthly or Saturday meetings in 2013.

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs – www.stampclubs.com/events.

January 8 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: “Try Something New - Topical Stamp Collecting,” by **Jim Pettway**.

January 19 – special Saturday meeting. Details TBA.

January 27-25 – Southeastern Stamp Expo – www.stampclubs.com/sestampshow.htm Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

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Stamp of the Month



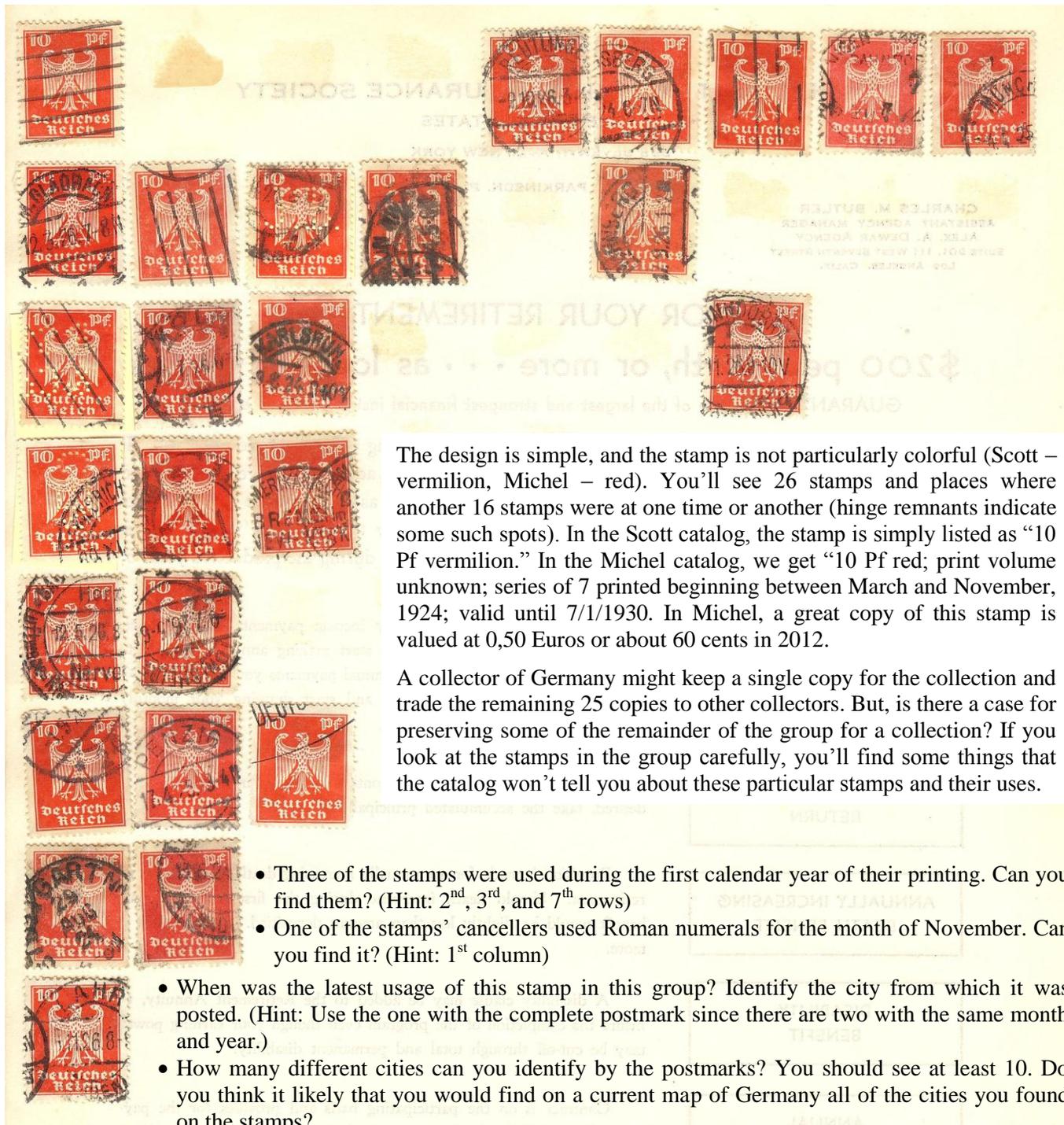
This nondenominated, 4 cent stamp (Scott 2521) was issued in January, 1991 to make up the new first class domestic letter rate, which had risen from 25 cents to 29 cents at the beginning of the year. Its text describes how to use it, less thrilling than that of

the new Emancipation Proclamation stamp, arriving on January 1, 2013. Tom **Broadhead** bought these stamps at the APS StampShow in Sacramento last summer.

Collecting Stamps ... One, Several, or Many?

by Randy Haese

The picture below shows a grouping of the same German stamp (Scott 332/ Michel 357) in used condition, as it was several years ago when purchased. I have used it as a show piece at KnoxPex a few times to get beginners to think about what properties of stamps are interesting to them. Historically, it is the 3rd stamp in a design series of seven in the new currency following the 1923 inflation period.



The design is simple, and the stamp is not particularly colorful (Scott – vermilion, Michel – red). You’ll see 26 stamps and places where another 16 stamps were at one time or another (hinge remnants indicate some such spots). In the Scott catalog, the stamp is simply listed as “10 Pf vermilion.” In the Michel catalog, we get “10 Pf red; print volume unknown; series of 7 printed beginning between March and November, 1924; valid until 7/1/1930. In Michel, a great copy of this stamp is valued at 0,50 Euros or about 60 cents in 2012.

A collector of Germany might keep a single copy for the collection and trade the remaining 25 copies to other collectors. But, is there a case for preserving some of the remainder of the group for a collection? If you look at the stamps in the group carefully, you’ll find some things that the catalog won’t tell you about these particular stamps and their uses.

- Three of the stamps were used during the first calendar year of their printing. Can you find them? (Hint: 2nd, 3rd, and 7th rows)
- One of the stamps’ cancellers used Roman numerals for the month of November. Can you find it? (Hint: 1st column)
- When was the latest usage of this stamp in this group? Identify the city from which it was posted. (Hint: Use the one with the complete postmark since there are two with the same month and year.)
- How many different cities can you identify by the postmarks? You should see at least 10. Do you think it likely that you would find on a current map of Germany all of the cities you found on the stamps?
- In German philately, the word “BAHNPOST” refers to the cancellation of mail on a train proceeding to its destination. Can you find a train cancel in this group? (Hint: 1st row).
- Another stamp was cancelled aboard the Deutsche-Amerikanische steamship “BREMEN.” Can you find it? (Hint: 3rd column).

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This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 8

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- Another stamp cancellation indicates possible air- (“Luft”) post usage? Can you find it? (Hint: 5th row).
- Perfin holes are small holes punched through a stamp to form a pattern or letters that identify the owner/purchaser of the stamps. Three of the stamps in this group are Perfins: the 3rd and 4th stamps of the 1st column and the 3rd stamp in the 2nd row. Can you see the holes? (Yellow Post-It note paper was inserted under each stamp to improve visibility.)
- Excluding the stamps in the group that show only line cancels (two canceller types represented: one with solid lines and another with broken lines), how many other canceller types do you see? I counted eight, including two very similar but with different sized centers/partial center-circles.
- If you agree that the stamps are all the color vermilion or red, you need to see them under long wave UV – nearly every one is a different color!!

In collecting used stamps and acquiring groups of the same stamp, it can be truly interesting to see the variety of information imparted by even a single stamp. In addition to the stamp's own properties, one also has access to the properties of postmarks, which can tell where and when the stamp was used.

How to collect stamps and what to collect is always up to the individual collector. Enjoy!

KPS Welcomes New Members



New members **Deborah Dean** (left) and **Jerry Patton** (right) found several additions to their collections at the October 5th Tuesday KPS meeting. Both have been collecting for some time and recently discovered KPS.

APS Circuit Sales Update

By Jim Pettway

Did you take advantage of the American Philatelic Society Sales Division circuit books in 2012? Last year KPS members purchased \$870.94 from circuit books, \$243 more than in 2010. The cost to KPS for this member benefit was \$100.50 for postage and insurance. During 2012 10 different sales circuits were received, with an average of 17 books in each circuit. Many stamps passed into the hands of KPS members, filling spaces in their stamp albums. Stamp prices ranged from 5¢ to hundreds of dollars at heavy discounts from Scott catalog prices, with most priced at less than one dollar. Included in the books were stamps from Germany, France, Egypt, Cuba, Brazil, Latin America, European countries and the United States. There were many single as well as sets of topical stamps scattered throughout the books. There was really something for everyone.

Your first chance in 2013 to purchase stamps from the APS circuit books will be at the January 8 KPS meeting. Update your want lists and come to the meeting. Don't forget your tongs, glassine envelopes (to put your stamps in), and magnifier. All you have to do is pay for the stamps that you take from the books. The club pays all other expenses. Now that's a deal!

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Congratulations and Thanks

At last month's Southeastern Stamp Expo, KPS member **Bruce Roberts** was honored as the recipient of the Rowland Hill award, given by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Bruce's award recognizes nearly a lifetime of contributions to the philatelic community as a dealer, member, exhibitor, and many other ways. A founding member of KPS, Bruce was a long time dealer member and influenced many to become collectors. For KPS, he has been president, a board member, long-time bourse chair for KnoxPex, and of course, our dedicated cataloger for the Regency Auction lots and other stamps in the KPS inventory. More information about Bruce's distinguished philatelic career may be found at the Southeast Federation web site – www.stampclubs.com.



KPS member **Gary Santini** missed the January meeting, and may miss more – and for a very important reason! Gary is employed by FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He was dispatched to the Atlantic Coast to help with recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy.

Learn more about FEMA at <http://www.fema.gov>.

KPS members can take pride in having fellow members who contribute their time to our hobby and to our nation.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

By the time you read this column, both the APS Winter show in Louisville and the Southeast Federation show in Atlanta will be history for 2013. Personally, I hope my planning worked out and I will have attended both. And, I hope all of you took advantage of these opportunities and attended at least one of them. The two APS shows each year, as well as the larger regional shows are unique venues, offering a combination of education (exhibits, seminars), shopping and, my favorite, meeting up with many philatelic friends I have made over the years. I attended my first stamp show, as best I can remember, about 1963 or 1964, and have attended many dozens of shows since then. I have never tired of them, and always look forward to the next one!

Speaking of shows, KNOXPEX is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for March 2-3, and plan to be there for all the fun. As I discussed last month, we need both volunteers and exhibits. Contact **Charlie Wade** to help with the show, and see me with any of your questions regarding exhibiting. The exhibit entry form and the auction lot form are included with this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to add my voice to the chorus of congratulations for member **Bruce Roberts**, winner of the 2013 Rowland Hill Award. The Southeast Federation press release mentions Bruce's work as founder of the Expo City Stamp Club in 1980 and all his efforts since. "In over 30 years of work, Bruce has influenced hundreds of collectors and has contributed dramatically to the growth and continuance of the hobby in Knoxville and throughout the Southeast." Great job, Bruce!

Tom Ringenbach

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The board approved the charter of a 14 passenger bus to the Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta for Saturday, January 26. There was much discussion on the possibility of a bigger bus or cancelation of the trip, but the vote was 5-0 in favor of the smaller bus. The charge will be \$20 per person. During the board meeting **Charlie Wade** facilitated a review of KnoxPex 2013 preparation by the committee chairs. Things are progressing as planned. **Tom Broadhead** showed the club exhibit for the Southeastern Stamp Expo. **Ralph Dinwiddie** circulated possible KnoxPex Cachets for comments.

At the regular club meeting there were no minutes to approve because the December meeting was the non-business holiday party. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report, which was approved. The current club accounts total \$11,229.34 plus stamps on consignment to Regency Auctions, with anticipated realized net auction proceeds to KPS of approximately \$3,000.

In new business the membership approved the \$25 annual dues to the Tennessee Postal History Society.

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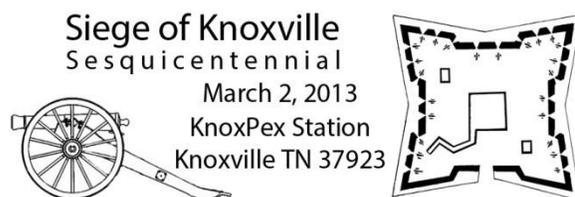
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Jim Pettway informed us that 57 KPS members had renewed during the December special enrollment period. Following the business meeting, **Jim Pettway** presented our program: “Try Something New – Topical Stamp Collecting.”

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

KnoxPex 2013 cancel

Has KPS cachet designer **Ralph Dinwiddie** outdone himself with the cancel design for KnoxPex 2013? Maybe so. The cancel, shown here features a map of Fort Sanders, a cannon, and, of course, our theme.



Don't forget to buy a cachet at the show with this beautiful show cancel. The cancel is free, but who would not want it on the official show cover???

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Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is a se-tenant block of four 2 cent stamps (Scott 1448-1451) issued in April, 1972 to commemorate the centennial of US National Parks. Together, the block paid the 8 cent first class domestic letter rate of the time. Maybe they will inspire you to begin planning your summer vacation. **Tom Broadhead** bought these stamps at the APS StampShow in Sacramento last summer.

The Emancipation Proclamation – Lincoln’s Cabinet on Stamps

by Tom Broadhead

The monumental painting by Francis Bicknell Carpenter of Abraham Lincoln meeting with his cabinet for the reading of the second draft of the Emancipation Proclamation, September 22, 1862, now hangs in the U.S. Capitol. Carpenter embarked on this great work in 1864, and all individuals sat for photographs by Matthew Brady, upon which Carpenter painted the images that became part of the finished painting.



Looking at this image, I was struck by the fact that many shown here, in addition to Lincoln, had appeared on U.S. stamps. I've arranged some sample images below – see for yourself! Beginning at far left is **Edwin Stanton**, Secretary of War (7 cent value of the Banknote issue of 1870-1873; Scott 138 and grill types; 7 cent Official stamps of that period; 7 cent embossed envelopes of the same period; Scott U88, U186), **Salmon P. Chase**, Secretary of the Treasury (\$1000 value of the 1940 revenue stamps; R310 and later date overprints; \$1000 value of the 1940 stock transfer stamps; RD91 and later date overprints), **Lincoln** (many stamps, the first of which was the 1865 newspaper stamp; Scott P3), **Gideon Welles**, Secretary of the Navy (no stamps), **Caleb B. Smith**, Secretary of the Interior (no stamps), **William Seward** (seated), Secretary of State (2 cent Alaska-Yukon commemorative; Scott 370-371; \$2-\$20 Department of State official stamps; Scott O68-O71), **Montgomery Blair**, Postmaster General (15 cent airmail of 1963; Scott C66); and **Edward Bates**, Attorney General (no stamps).



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 5

Are You Ready for KnoxPex 2013?

By Charlie Wade

KnoxPex 2013 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 & 3 at Knoxville's Holliday Inn West on North Cedar Bluff Rd. The theme of this year's show is the *Sesquicentennial of The Siege of Knoxville and Battle of Fort Sanders*. KnoxPex is the largest annual stamp show between Virginia and Atlanta and will offer something for all collectors. **Carl Schmidt** is handling publicity and promotion, and **Tom Broadhead** has created all the forms and the show program.

Please volunteer to help at KnoxPex. At the February KPS meeting we will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers needed for registration, bourse, auction and the beginner's table. **Pat Goebel** is coordinating volunteers for the registration table; please volunteer to spend an hour there during the show.

Exhibit chair **Tom Ringenbach** is looking forward to having many members exhibit their collections at the show. If you have questions on exhibiting, do not hesitate to contact Tom. He will also need help Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon in handling the displays.

Get your lots ready for Saturday night's live auction at 6:00 pm. Auction chair **Stu Hanlein** promises another great event and will need volunteers to move lots from the show tables to the auctioneers then to the sales table and final bookkeeping. **Gerald Schroedl** is compiling the auction catalog, and, as usual, auctioneers **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead** will keep it interesting and fun. Come to the show early Saturday so you can get your catalogue and view the lots.

Bourse chair, **Jim Pettway**, has again assembled a super group of a dozen dealers. Some will be new to KnoxPex; others are old friends. Jim and the dealers could use help in set-up on Friday and take-down on Sunday afternoon.

And as you plan to spend your money, don't forget the cachet and accompanying cancel that **Ralph Dinwiddie** has designed. (I have seen it, and it is great).

As a special part of KnoxPex, KPS will be hosting the annual meeting of Tennessee Postal History Society. **Bruce Roberts** is coordinating having this meeting here. Be sure to support this special collecting group.

With the help of you and your fellow KPS members, KnoxPex 2013 will be remembered as one of the best!

Knoxpex Dealers Make a Great Bourse!

By Jim Pettway

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It's Show Time!

I'm finishing the editing and formatting of the March newsletter on February 16, a little ahead of my usual schedule. It's our final push to get KPS members and their friends to come to our great annual stamp show – **KnoxPex 2013**. **Charlie Wade**, as show chair, has kept up with all of our individual responsibilities. **Jim Pettway** has gathered an excellent group of 12 dealers. **Tom Ringenbach** has coordinated exhibits, with 8 entries this year, in addition to our club promotional exhibits. **Randy** and **Russ Haese** will have a great program, as usual, for beginning collectors. **Ralph Dinwiddie** has created a spectacular cachet and postal cancel to match, commemorating our theme – the Siege of Knoxville and Battle of Fort Sanders. Publicity has involved mailings to local newspapers, postcards to previous KnoxPex visitors, and just yesterday an e-mail blast from the American Philatelic Society promoting our show. **Gerald Schroedl** has just received the last of the auction lot lists, and **Stu Hanlein** and company will be running the annual auction on Saturday night, March 2.

Now, it's up to all of us to come to the show, enjoy the exhibits, shop with the dealers, and volunteer to help at the auction lot area and registration desk during the show – check in with **Pat Goebel** when you get there, and spend a little time helping the club in between shopping sprees in the dealer bourse..

KPS has a long tradition of successful shows that have helped to raise important funds for the club. Much of the seed money for our ongoing auction purchases has, in fact, come from KnoxPex shows. Let's all pitch in to make 2013 no exception to our success.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Charlie Wade, our faithful secretary who every meeting passes around an attendance sheet for us to sign, recently sent me a very interesting analysis of our club attendance over the past two years. I hope it will get each of you thinking, as it did me.

His data covered twenty-one regular first Tuesday meetings, excluding the December Christmas parties. The first bit of good news is that our average meeting attendance has remained fairly steady at about twenty-one. A core group of fifteen members attended at least sixty percent of the meetings. From here it gets interesting. A total of sixty-two different people attended at least one meeting. Of that number, eighteen in fact attended just one meeting. Another fourteen attended only two or three meetings. In other words, over half (32/62) of our total attendees made it to three meetings or less during this time period.

Why? There are probably a lot of reasons, many of which are beyond the power of our club to fix. Health and family issues, for example, quickly come to mind. Some of these folks we may actually be catching from time to time at our Saturday meetings. What I wonder is, how many of these were new members, and why did their interest die so quickly? Did they feel welcome at the meeting? Did they find the program and stamp activities interesting?

At a future meeting, it might be helpful for each of us, for a moment, to mentally put ourselves in the place of a newcomer and view the activities and people around us from his or her perspective. Am I attracted to what I am experiencing? Can I envision a better experience? Please, share your thoughts.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – February 5, 2013

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At the board meeting the only agenda item was the status of KnoxPex 2013, which was lead by **Charlie Wade**. Each committee leader gave an updated status and action items were assigned.

In the KPS business meeting the minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented in the February newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report which was approved and showed a current balance in all KPS accounts of \$10,805.69. There is still a refund of \$1,066 due KPS from the cancelled bus trip.

Charlie Wade led the discussion of the upcoming Knox-Pex show. **Stu Hanlein** presented details of the auction. **Jim Pettway** said he had 12 dealers committed to attend. **Tom Ringenbach** still needs exhibits for the show and encouraged members to participate. **Tom Broadhead** has assumed the remaining publicity activities. **Ralph Dinwiddie** has completed the KnoxPex cachet. A list was circulated asking for volunteers to help at the event.

In new business, KPS voted to “second” the APS nominated slate of officers. The membership approved an expenditure of up to \$4,000 total expense to acquire stamps at the upcoming Regency auction at the St, Louis

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Stamp Expo in late March. **Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, and Bob Smith** will attend the event for KPS.

For the program, **Thomas Lane** presented “Waterfalls Cachets from Around the World”. Prior to the business meeting and following the program, members were able to purchase or bid on the latest KPS acquisitions.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

KPS News Update

By Tony Torres, via Randy Haese

I looked up the “luft” cancel on **Randy Haese's** stamp (KPS News January 2013) in my copy of the Bochmann Gelegenheitstempel catalog. It is listed for Bad



Salzufflen. The full text is: Herz (upper crescent) Nerven (lower crescent)

Luftwege=Rheuma=Frauen=Krankheiten (lower half of the outer ring). It was used during 1924-26 only. It has nothing to do with airmail, but with health. That is typical of the “Bad”

cities, which were health spas or “Luftkurort” in the mountains. The cancel uses Roman numerals, which were usually from along the frontier with Czechoslovakia or Austria.

Showtime Congratulations

KPS member Paul Hager won a gold award at the APS AmeriStamp Expo in Louisville for his exhibit of “The Pashupati Era of Nepal,” an exhibit that we were fortunate to see at Knoxpex two years ago.

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a 50 groszy stamp of Poland (Scott 723) issued in 1956. It shows a fisherman, the S.S. Chopin and fishing trawlers. This month's stamp is a gift from Mike Kauffman.



Tennessee Postal History Gems

by Steve Swain

Significantly unique and rare Tennessee covers that passed through the mails during the American Civil War provide the focus for a fascinating philatelic research project (but a very expensive collection theme)! Here are a few of those unchallenged Tennessee postal history gems that I find particularly intriguing. Tennessee seceded from the Union on June 8, 1861, but was not admitted into the Confederacy until July 2, 1861.

For one month, Union postage stamps were unavailable in Tennessee. To cope with the emergency, Nashville Postmaster W.D. McNish reinstated the old system of hand-stamping "paid" on envelopes. Several Knoxville provisional hand-stamped covers are recorded with the then standard 5-cent rate. On July 1, 1862, the 5-cent rate



was replaced by a new rate of 10 cents per 1/2 oz for any distance. A rare provisional hand-stamp shown here on an envelope mailed to Virginia, has a clearly struck 5-cent Knoxville handstamp (at left) overstruck by a bold "10" handstamp, satisfying the the new rate.

Prior to the Confederate government's release of general issue postage stamps, local Postmasters filled the stamp availability void by issuing stamps commonly referred to as Postmaster Provisionals. Knoxville's Postmaster, C. H. Charlton, coordinated the printing and issuing of a 5-cent "Brick Red" provisional stamp.

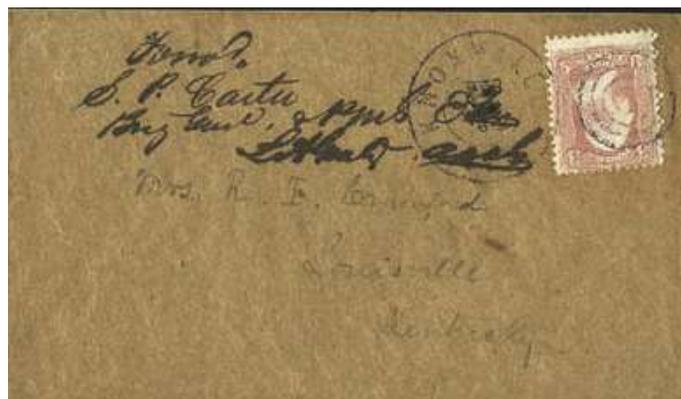


Tied by a "Knoxville Ten. Mar. 11, 186[2]" circular datestamp on a small cover to Brig. Gen. Daniel Ruggles at Corinth Miss., the cover shown here is the latest known usage of the Knoxville provisional stamp. Also, it is the only recorded example of the Knoxville stamp

tied by the large sans-serif circular datestamp. The date in the datestamp is difficult to read, but appears to be "MAR" and is certainly 1862. The large circle datestamp with sans-serif type was not used in 1861.

Following the September 2, 1863, occupation of Knoxville by Federal forces, the former Confederate prison was taken over and used as a Provost Marshal Prison. Large numbers of citizen prisoners were held there during 1864.

Shown here is a "Knoxville Ten. Feb 1 '64" circular datestamp prisoner-of-war cover from Union-controlled Knoxville to Louisville Ky. It has a censor manuscript of *Forwd. S.P. Carter Brig Genl. & PMG* and *"L. A. Gratz aaag"*. Samuel Powhatan Carter was a U.S. Navy officer who served in the Union Army as a major general during the war. After the war, Carter became a rear admiral -- the first American officer to be awarded both ranks. After the occupation of Knoxville, he was also made Provost Marshal General of the Knoxville Division. Major L. A. Gratz served as examiner and acting assistant adjutant general. This is the only cover known from the federal Provost Marshal Prison in Knoxville. (continued on page 4)



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 5

(continued from page 3) My Tennessee collection will surely never be graced with the inclusion of these exceptional, expensive covers, but the research and pleasure of learning about them was certainly invaluable.

Editor's note: Steve Swain lives in Atlanta and is a member of the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club, the APS, and many other philatelic societies. He has written articles for American Philatelist and many other national, regional, and local stamp publications. This is Steve's third article about Knoxville and East Tennessee philately contributed to the KPS Newsletter.

Southeast Stamp Expo 2013

By Tom Broadhead

Despite the ice storm, which prevented the KPS chartered bus from bringing members to Southeast Stamp Expo in Atlanta, our club had a great presence. Bruce Roberts chaired the exhibits, Ralph Dinwiddie was in charge of facilities meetings, and I chaired publicity. One highlight of the show was the first day ceremony for the new



Priority Mail stamp. Bruce, Thomas Lane, and I all had exhibits, and I was fortunate to receive the one-frame grand award for the show. Bruce was recognized by the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs with the Roland Hill Award for his many years of involvement and service to our hobby.

KPS members Dave Warfel and Steve Daunt came to the show, too, after the weather had cleared. Overall, there were more than 350 attending the three days, and dealer tables were busy at all times. The American First Day Cover Society had a major presence. At the SEFSC meeting, I was elected Vice President of the Federation, so it's time to start planning SESE 2014!

You Can't Get There from Here!

By Jim Pettway

Recently while reading a back issue (Feb 14, 1987) of *Stamps*, a weekly philatelic magazine which is no longer published, I came across an article captioned "Knoxville Readies for Annual Show." I saw that it was referring to Knoxville, Indiana, so I flipped on to another page. But my curiosity got the best of me and I turned back. Where is Knoxville, INDIANA? Further reading I discovered that the article was referring to Knoxville, TENNESSEE, as the PO Box and ZIP was for the KPS address in Knoxville, Tennessee. The March 7 & 8 show was the 6th annual in 1987. Also I found it interesting that "Kyle Testerman, Knoxville's mayor will also declare the week of March 1-7 "Stamp Collecting Week" for the City." And if 1987 was the 6th annual show then will KnoxPEX 2013 be the 32nd annual show for the Knoxville Philatelic Society?

Knoxville Readies For Annual Show

The Knoxville Stamp Club-sponsored 6th annual stamp show will take place March 7-8 at the Rodeway Inn in Knoxville, Indiana. Hours for the exhibition are Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kyle Testerman, Knoxville's mayor, will also declare the week of March 1-7 "Stamp Collecting Week" for the city.

This year's show theme is the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The cacheted show cover depicts a representative drawing of the document and text pertaining to it including "We The People" embossed in gold foil. A special cancel will also be used. Serviced covers are \$1.00 each; unserviced are 3 for \$1.00, plus a SASE. For more information, contact the club at P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, IN 37950-0422.

But You Can Get Here! – Come to KnoxPEX 2013 – March 2-3

Don't forget the KPS "Main Event" – our annual stamp show – Saturday, 10-5, with the Live Auction at 6 pm – and on Sunday 10-3. Twelve great dealers, USPS on Saturday 10-2, Postal Cancel, Show Cachet, Exhibits, Beginner Area – and both parking and admission are FREE! It's at 304 N. Cedar Bluff Rd, Knoxville, TN 37923. Set your GPS or follow your instinct to KnoxPEX 2013 – you can get there!

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And the Topic of this Column is . . .

. . . topical stamp collecting! KPS is a society member, not only of the American Philatelic Society, but also the American Topical Association. ATA was founded in 1949 and today serves a worldwide membership of collectors, whose interests include the subjects depicted in stamp images. If you believe that your specialized collecting areas are becoming more and more challenging and have left you needing just a few stamps that might cost thousands of dollars, each, then you may want to add a new facet to your philatelic pursuits by finding a topic to collect.

This year's KnoxPex 2013 most popular exhibit was a thematic exhibit by **Tom Ringenbach** showing farm implement related covers. But, an idea like that could be the start of a topical collection. Tractors have appeared on many stamps. In the 1950's, there was a running joke about the 5-Year Plans of communist countries just meaning, "make more tractors." But, tractors are also an important part of US history and have appeared on our stamps, too.



Look for great topical material in APS circuit books and Regency Auction stamps. The January-February issue of the ATA Topical Times featured a column about some KPS News articles. See **Jim Pettway** if you are ready to take on a new world of collecting!

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

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

KnoxPex 2013 is now in the books, and in a very good way. Through the combined efforts of our committee chairs, and all our club volunteers who performed the many tasks that made the show run smoothly, our many visitors, as well as dealer-partners, left the show with smiles on their faces. What more can we ask for?

There are many acknowledgements that need to go out. First is to our show chairman, **Charlie Wade**, who assembled the team of coordinators and kept them focused and on time with their duties. The man behind the scenes with the wide shoulders was **Tom Broadhead**, who rescued publicity for us, as well as designed a show program and produced auction and registration forms. **Ralph Dinwiddie** created and produced another popular cachet. **Jim Pettway** was our point man with the dealers and created the fine bourse that was the delight of our visitors. **Stu Hanlein** was auction chair and the force behind our most successful show auction to date. **Gerald Schroedel** assisted him by producing an excellent auction catalog, and **Tom Broadhead** and **Bruce Roberts** again served as able auctioneers. **Thomas Lane** kept the auction transactions straight and maintained the books on all our show finances. **Pat Goebel** handled the registration table, and **Randy** and **Russ Haese** again introduced our youngest visitors to our wonderful hobby.

As exhibits chairman, I would like to thank all our club members, as well as members of the Tennessee Postal History Society, for sharing their excellent exhibits with us at the show.

To each of these people, and to our many volunteers, we offer a sincere THANK YOU, one and all!

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 5, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 for the Board of Directors meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided. There were 22 members present. The formal meeting was preceded by a viewing of the APS circuit books and KPS lots. Tom started the meeting by introducing a new member, **Floyd Quick**, and two guests, **Bob Ceo** and **Lori Williams**.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report which was approved. The club's current accounts total \$11,647.44. Thomas reported the KnoxPex auction resulted in over \$900 to the club. Preliminary figures show an overall profit of about \$250-300 for KnoxPex 2013 after expenses.

The main item of business was a discussion of Knox-Pex 2013 lead by **Charlie Wade**. It was deemed a success by all.

- Registered attendance totaled 170 over the two days and with others participating in the show there were approximately 200 people through the doors.
- Six new members joined.
- The auction resulted in over \$5000 of sales. Of the 220 lots 88% sold during the auction and several more sold on the Sunday morning "fire Sale."
- The KPS team leaders for finance, facilities, bourse, exhibits, auction, beginners' area, cachet, registration and publicity recounted their efforts and observations.

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- Show security, publicity, and show "take down" were noted as areas that need attention for further shows.
- An inventory of all KnoxPex items is needed so the club is aware of their locations.
- Club members were asked to provide written comments on observations and ideas for future shows. **Charlie Wade** will consolidate this list, which will be used in planning KnoxPex 2014, starting this summer.
- **Tom Broadhead** asked members to be thinking of ideas for the KnoxPex 2014 theme.

The club approved the purchase of about 50 watermark detectors to be used by the club. **Bruce Roberts** reminded members that he needed members' interest areas as he, **Thomas Lane** and **Bob Smith** prepare for the next Regency auction in St. Louis.

The board decided to not charge Henrich Hahn the remaining cost of his table at KnoxPex because his medical problems prevented him from participating in the bourse. KPS will retain his deposit. Henrich has been a faithful participant in KnoxPex for several years.

At the conclusion of the business meeting a program of "What I Found at KnoxPex" resulted in many interesting finds and stories from the members.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a 5 centime 1936 stamp of Algeria that was overprinted 30 francs and E.F.M. (Expeditionary Force Message) in 1943 for use on telegrams sent by allied forces in liberated North Africa. They are not catalogued in Scott, but the French *Dallay* catalog lists this as Timbres-Télégraphe (telegraph



stamp) 1. They catalog 1.2 euros (unused) and 125 euros used on a telegram! Thanks to **Bob Smith** for these stamps.

ADVENTURES IN PHILATELY HAVING FUN WITH MY POSTMISTRESS

By Bob Smith

Having placed a small wager with Tom Broadhead that I could get my article read first no matter where he placed it, I have chosen an appropriate title for that task. Sorry to let you down folks but this is a philatelic subject only.

Over the years I have amassed a pile of what auction houses refer to as “philatelic mint scrap,” remainders of sheets, strips of stamps with “mail early” and “zip blocks” that very few people collect. I use this material for everyday postage.

Our local post office is run by a woman who may have personally asked Abraham Lincoln for his autograph and certainly thought FDR was a “young pup” when he first took office. She views me as “that stamp guy” when I bring my envelopes in with four, five and even six stamps to make up the 46¢ rate.

I thought I would have some fun with her back in the 45¢ rate days. I know there are over 50 United States nondenominated stamps, so I took to using them exclusively just to watch her expression when I handed them to her. She has a left eye that goes jumpy when she gets upset, so when I handed her a first class letter with a “C” (Scott 1946 - 20¢) and an “E” (Scott 2277 - 25¢) I noticed that her eye was twitching.



Then I handed her a bill with two nondenominated Christmas stamps (Scott 1579 – 10¢ & 1580 - 10¢) plus that good old “E” stamp (25¢) and watched as her eye started to dance. Finally I handed her my all-time best nondenominated combination (shown below), starting with the Scott 2521 stamp (4¢) that has text reading,



“This U.S. Stamp along with 25¢ of additional postage is equivalent to the “F” stamp rate.” Did I put an “F” stamp with it? No, what’s the fun of that? I used a Scott 3257 Weather Vane stamp (1¢) along with the Scott 1940 Christmas stamp (20¢) and topping it all off with a Scott 1946 “C” Eagle (20¢). Not a penny value denomination in sight! Her left eye was now doing a jig.



$$4+1+20+20 = 45¢$$

As I walked out of the post office I could feel her eyes burning holes in my back, one of the holes was quite ragged.

KPS Purchases Dealer Stock at Southeast Stamp Expo 2013

By Bruce Roberts

With the weather keeping most KPS club members ice-bound in Knoxville, **Thomas Lane** and I decided to bring something home from Atlanta as a consolation prize. We bought two red boxes with stamps on 102 cards, plus another box with higher valued stamps to be worked into the club stamps inventory. When all is worked up, there should be about \$600 KPS priced stamps. These are a tidbit to go with more Regency lots purchased in March. The stamps from Atlanta are all foreign (sorry US collectors) and concentrated in the R-T portion of the alphabet. The dealer making the sale recently purchased the material from another dealer, has taken the stamps he needed for his stock, and was happy to get his money back. So far there are stamps with catalog up to \$140, but the majority will retail to club members for between 10 cents and \$3.00.



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Postal History Serendipity

By Bruce Roberts

The collection and study of envelopes in the general area called “Postal History” must seem very dull to those collectors who love the colorful stamps collected in their albums. But every now and then something magical comes along for Postal Historians. The cover illustrated below was brought for me from England to the American Philatelic Society meeting in Louisville this last January by Stephen Taylor, an American who is a dealer in London and who scouts Europe for Transatlantic covers and then brings them back to American collectors.



The cover is franked with the 5 cent value of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, issued in 1907 (Scott # 330). The stamp subject is Pocahontas, the Indian maid who supposedly saved the colonists from her tribe. The stamp pays the Transatlantic UPU rate of 5 cents to Switzerland, the purpose for which the stamp was issued. Uses of this stamp on cover are not common. But what is amazing is the rest of the story. The stamp is tied by a Pocahontas, Arkansas circular date stamp, August 22, 1907. One might think this was a philatelic setup, like sending an envelope with Christmas stamps to Santa Claus, Indiana to get them cancelled. But the corner card from a church in Pocahontas, and the religious address in Switzerland convince me this was a commercial usage that just brought several things together to make a wonderful cover. What a find!

This Just in from Regency Auctions! – by Bruce Roberts

Your three intrepid stamp scouts, **Thomas Lane**, **Robert Smith**, and I, travelled to St Louis on Thursday March 21 under sunny skies and temperatures in the 50's. All Friday and Saturday we kept winnowing the lots, and watching many we wanted to bid on rise above what we thought were fair values. On Friday night came the first weather warnings; big snows coming. On Sunday by noon there were 7 inches at the hotel. The auction proceeded from Noon to 2 PM and we were successful in purchasing excellent lots for the club. By then there was a foot of snow and more coming down. Come to the meeting to hear the rest of the story – and see the stamps we bought!

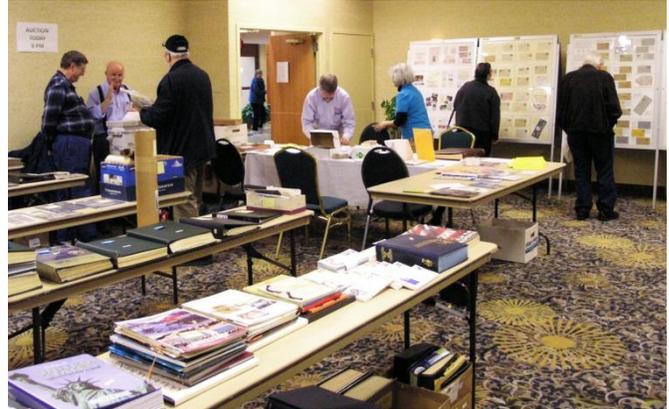


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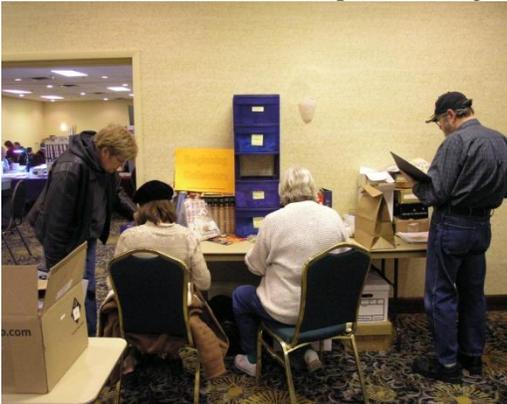
KnoxPex 2013 – Oh! What a Show!

by Tom Broadhead

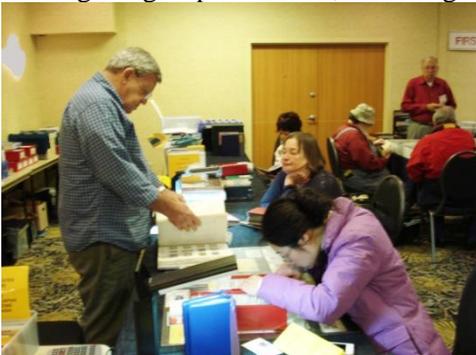
Last month's KPS stamp show – KnoxPex 2013 – was a great success by any measure. We had a great bourse of 11 dealers, 10 frames of exhibits vying for "Most Popular," more than 200 and guests attending, an auction with a whopping 220+ lots that netted the club more than \$900, and a respectable profit of about \$300. The volunteer efforts of many club members are too numerous to mention individually, but take a look at the photos, and you will see the excitement of KnoxPex 2013 and the many who made it a success. Thanks go to **Randy Haese, Jim Pettway, and Tom Broadhead** for these photos. Many more will soon be posted by **Jim** on our web page.



Set up on Friday afternoon drew more than 20 volunteers, including **Charlie Wade, Bruce Roberts**, and our exhibit construction crew of **Gary Rehberg, Bob Smith, Charles Stinnett, and Dave Warfel**. On Saturday morning, we were ready to go. **Harry Brooks** and **Stu Hanlein** spent time keeping watch on the auction lots. **Tom Broadhead** and **Pat Goebel** put finishing touches on the registration table, and guests began enjoying the exhibits.



Just before entering the dealer bourse, **Randy and Russ Haese** had a table loaded with materials for beginners, which was also visited by KPS members **Marijane Ellington** and **Ryn Etter** (left) and by visiting Chattanooga club member Willis Monk (right). **Jim Pettway** looks surprised, but shouldn't have been. His hard work paid off with a great group of dealers, including Robert Barger (above right), who stayed busy, especially on Saturday.



Fred Brafford had a busy table (left), Len Curtis advised some young collectors (center), and Tony Crumbly offered a great selection of southern postal history and postcards.



Several of our dealers are well known at APS shows, and we were fortunate to have them here at Knoxpex: Len Curtis (previous page), Louise Chouinard (left), Warren Manning (center), and Stamp Center of Texas (left).



Jim Pettway (left) put in some time promoting the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Society. We hosted the annual meeting of the Tennessee Postal History Society, which drew some important scholars and exhibitors including Jim Cate, President (left at table), Steve Edmondson, Tennessee Posts editor (who was visiting from his home in Seattle), and Tony Crumbley, dealer and frequent KnoxPex exhibitor from North Carolina.



There were plenty of smiles to go around. **Tom Ringenbach's** exhibit, "Marketing Stark County's Farm Implements: 1860-1900," was voted most popular. The organizing committee (l-r) **Ralph Dinwiddie** (cachet, cancel), **Charlie Wade** (show chair), **Tom Ringenbach** (exhibits), **Tom Broadhead** (program, publicity), **Thomas Lane** (facilities, finances), **Stu Hanlein** (auction), **Pat Goebel** (registration, hospitality), **Jim Pettway** (bourse), **Russ Haese** (beginner program), and **Randy Haese** (beginner program) took a quick break for a group photo.



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What's the Theme for KnoxPex 2014?

With another successful show under our belts, it's time to start planning KnoxPex 2014. The first step is identifying the theme so that the publicity mill can begin grinding. And, knowing the theme may help some of our prospective dealers plan their stock and help draw greater public attention to the show and KPS

One thing I enjoy searching is the Wikipedia site, where you can plug in a year date and find an interesting list of events. For example, what happened in 1814? Take a look at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1814>. Well, there was the March 7 Napoleonic war victory (Hmm, maybe not a good show theme). But, September 13 was the shelling of Fort McHenry and writing of the Star Spangled Banner!



Or, if you substitute 1914 in the web address, you see



that on March 1, China joined the Universal Postal Union (well, it is philatelic), but also there's also the proclamation of Mother's Day on May 14.

What are your thoughts and preferences? **Charlie Wade** has organized a small committee to look at possibilities, so bring your ideas to the KPS meeting, or send them to me by e-mail. We have time to consider, but want to make a choice in June!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

As I think everybody knows, April is traditionally nomination month for KPS club officers to serve the "stamp year" beginning in May. I'm personally honored to have a chance to serve another year as your president. More importantly, we have a full slate of nominees ready to pitch in to help "make things happen" for our club. I think it's accurate to say there's some good momentum built up by club members in the past year, capped off by a great KNOXPEX show, and some excellent stamp purchases by **Bruce Roberts**, **Thomas Lane**, and **Bob Smith**. This momentum would appear to make the officers' job this coming year an easy one. Hopefully, that's true, but it's not a slam dunk. Continuing the basketball metaphor, I watched my Alma Mater nearly blow a 20+ point halftime lead in an NCAA tournament game. Momentum can be an elusive intangible. We need everybody's help to keep our meetings fresh and fun. New ideas for meeting activities are always eagerly sought and appreciated!

On an unrelated note, I hope all our APS members caught the references (two to be exact) to the KPS in the April issue of *The American Philatelist*. Both references were to our contributions to APS in memory of our deceased members. The more expansive of the two was an entire paragraph with the names of the five KPS members who passed away in 2012, with partial stamp biographies of three of them who were APS members. I can't recall a similar write up in past years, although I simply may have missed it. Ken Martin did a really nice job in taking the time to recognize contributions, but also remember our fellow collectors in whose memory the contributions were made.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 2, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting. Vice president **Dave Warfel** presided. There were 20 members present. The meeting was preceded by a viewing of the APS circuit books and new material from the latest Regency Auction purchases.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report which was approved. The club's current accounts total \$10,032. Thomas indicated that the net profit from KnoxPex 2013 would be approximately \$380, which includes the annual storage fees for our frames.

Jim Pettway reported that the official headcount from registration forms was 180, a figure similar to previous years. **Tom Broadhead** attended the Nashville show the following weekend and reported on its organization, facilities, and dealers.

In new business, **Thomas Lane** said that the contract with Holiday Inn for KnoxPex 2014 is up for renewal, and the hotel is increasing the charge by \$200. This will help guarantee that we have full use of the facility on Friday afternoon. The new contract was approved. A proposal to donate \$125 to the American Philatelic Society was approved.

Stu Hanlein, as past president and chair of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 2013-2014.

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The program was postponed until May due to technical difficulties. **Ralph Dinwiddie** showed some recent presidential inaugural covers that he designed, and **Barbara Steverson** talked about travel to Southeast Asia and showed stamps of Vietnam.

Submitted: Tom Broadhead, interim Secretary

Promoting KPS to the Public

Outside of KnoxPex, getting the word out about KPS mostly happens through our web pages hosted by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs on its site – www.stampclubs.com. Many find us there and can read our newsletter online, and we receive reports that our pages there get more hits than any others – we have a wide, unseen following. But the latest is the YouTube video created by Jim Pettway showing scenes from KnoxPex 2013. You can enjoy and reminisce at <http://youtu.be/J-R44bSvhus>.

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This month's stamp is a 32 cent, self adhesive from 1998 (Scott 3204a) showing Warner Brothers cartoon characters Sylvester the cat and the object of his hunger, Tweety the canary. The stamp was the second in the Warner Brothers series and has a serpentine die cut of 11.1. These were carefully soaked from envelopes (remember when you could soak self adhesive stamps?) and accumulated by our late KPS member, Betty Anne Logan.

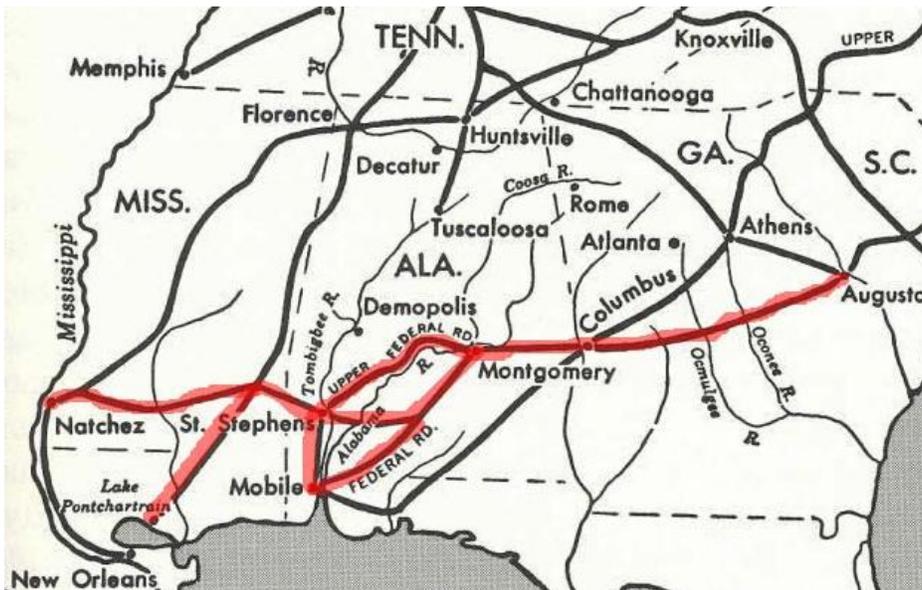


Becoming the Volunteer State

By Charlie Wade

Maybe lost in the current Sesquicentennial events for the American Civil War is the Bicentennial of the War of 1812/Creek Indian Wars. Occurring in the 1812-1815 time period, this conflict between the United States and the British and hostile Indian tribes would impact the growth and expansion of the young American nation. The citizens of the new state of Tennessee would play a major role.

Back in 1806 when the nation was still young and rapidly growing westward, a horse path for postal riders was



opened through the Creek Nation stretching from middle Georgia to coastal Alabama. As the likelihood of another war with Britain increased, the crucial need to quickly move troops to protect the American Gulf Coast was becoming more evident. The US began construction of a wagon road through the Creek Nation which became known as “The Federal Road” (in red at left). This path quickly became a major travel route for pioneers to the new American frontier.

One of the major risks of travel on The Federal Road was attacks by a renegade group of the Creek

Indian Nation, known as the Red Sticks. This band was also responsible for assaults on homes in Tennessee and the slaughter of many men, women, and children. As retaliation against this group, a military response was mounted. Note that the actions of this one segment of the Creek tribe resulted in retaliation against the entire Creek nation. This military action and subsequent events would have a significant impact on this period in our nation’s history.

With the growing anti-Creek sentiment, an initial call went out for 1,500 volunteers from Tennessee for this campaign. Eventually, over 20,000 Tennesseans volunteered for military actions in The Creek Indian War and the War of 1812. The Tennessee forces were led by their native son, General Andrew Jackson of Nashville. Among the Tennesseans in Jackson’s troops were Davy Crockett, Sam Houston and a young private in the East Tennessee Militia, John Hart, my great-great-great-grandfather.



By late March 1814, the Red Sticks had assembled in a horseshoe shaped bend of the Tallapoosa River in what is now the state of Alabama. There they constructed a log barricade across the neck of the bend. On March 27, Jackson ordered a frontal assault on the barricade by the 39th US Infantry, and the Tennessee militia. Cherokee Indians who aligned with the US forces and the loyal Creeks surrounded the Red Stick position from the rear.

The battle, which became known as The Battle of Horseshoe Bend (at left showing the 39th US Infantry attacking the barricade on March 27, 1814), was a stunning loss for the Red Sticks. They lost about 800 warriors out of 1,000 in the

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battle and an unknown number of women and children. American casualties totaled 280. Unfortunately, my ancestor John Hart of the Tennessee Militia was one of those killed, and the National Archives contains the official military record of his death, shown at right.

On August 9, 1814 Creek leaders signed a treaty with Andrew Jackson ending the Creek involvement in the War of 1812. The treaty forced the Creeks to cede 23 million acres of land to the United States, securing most of Alabama and parts of Georgia for white settlement.

After the victory at Horseshoe Bend, Andrew Jackson was promoted to major general in the US Army with the responsibility of defending the Gulf Coast against a British invasion. Responding to a threat on New Orleans, Jackson assembled a force consisting of militiamen and volunteers from Tennessee, Kentucky, and the territories of Louisiana and Mississippi. After small skirmishes and sporadic fighting in the area, Jackson's men built a defensive line south of the city.



On January 8, 1815 the British launched an ill-conceived assault on Jackson's line. The battle was a humiliating defeat for the British. In two hours they suffered over 2,000 killed, wounded, or missing while American

casualties totaled 75. New Orleans had been saved essentially ending the War of 1812 with Jackson becoming a national hero.

By the time of the war's conclusion, the White House and US Capitol had been burned, the "Star Spangled Banner" had been written, Indian tribes hostile to the US were crushed, 23 million acres of new land had been opened for settlement, Andrew Jackson would go on to become the 7th US president, and Tennessee earned national recognition for its military and political prowess and garnered the nickname the "Volunteer State."

Canada commemorates the War of 1812

By Tom Broadhead

Canada was important in the War of 1812, and the young US invaded with thoughts of annexation. In 2012, Canada issued a se-tenant commemorative showing British Major General Sir Isaac Brock and the Tecumseh, Chief or the Shawnee Nation. Former adversaries, they collaborated to fight against the US. Brock fought to protect the border of Canada, and Tecumseh fought to attempt to stop westward encroachment on Indian lands.



Clark's Battalion. | E. Tenn. Militia.

John Hart

Capt. Allen S. Bacon's Company of East Tennessee Drafted Militia in the Batt'n commanded by Major Thomas C. Clark.

(War of 1812.)

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
for *Jan 10 to July 2, 1814*
Roll dated
July 21, 1814
When joined the service, *Jan 1, 1814*
When discharged, _____, 181____
Miles from place of discharge, _____
Present or absent, _____
Remarks: *Killed in battle
27 March 1814*



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Good exam – bad results

By the time you get this newsletter, I hope to be comfortably recuperating from surgery following recently diagnosed colon cancer. You just never know when the news will not be so good, so please always be alert with your doctors about keeping up with your health.

There have been many stamps issued by many countries that have brought to public attention the fight against cancer. The earliest of these, I think, was the 1938 French semipostal stamp (Scott B76), intended to raise funds for cancer research.



It was issued on the 40th anniversary of the discovery of radium by Pierre and Marie Curie. Many countries, including French colonies and Cuba, issued stamps with somewhat similar designs to raise funds for this research, but the US declined to do so, adding the opinion that radium can cause cancer.

Since that time, many countries have issued cancer-awareness stamps, including the US, and our own breast cancer semipostal continues to be printed to raise funds for this important cause.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

You may recall from my column in our March Newsletter, close examination of our attendance numbers seems to suggest that we may be losing too many of our new members after just a couple of meetings. We don't know for sure why this is happening. Nonetheless, one possible cause, that is, that the new members' first meeting experience was less than satisfactory, is within our power to fix.

I proposed to the KPS Board at our May meeting the creation of a mentor program, for the express purpose of retaining and growing our club membership.

Here's how it would work. A group of volunteer mentors would be created from among active club members, one of whom would mentor a new member during their first meeting. Responsibilities would include:

- Introducing yourself to the newcomer and welcoming them to KPS
- Introducing the newcomer to club officers and other club members in attendance
- Explaining how a meeting is structured and what the club has to offer its members on meeting night
- Encouraging them to join in on stamp shopping or other activities that may be taking place
- Introduce the newcomer to the entire membership when called upon by the president and invite them to say a few words about themselves
- Explain membership to the newcomer and give them an application
- Follow-up after the meeting with an email expressing appreciation for coming and inviting them to the next meeting, with the date and time.
- During the second meeting, welcome the returning newcomer and answer any questions he or she may have.

Consider participating as a mentor, especially if you are a regular at the monthly meetings.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 2, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 28 members present. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided.

The minutes of the April meeting as reported in the newsletter were approved. **Thomas Lane** submitted the treasurer's report which was approved. The current club accounts total \$6,652.10. In addition there is payment due from Regency and KPS holds thousands of dollars' worth of stamps in inventory.

Elections were held for the next club year. The following slate was approved by acclamation: President – **Tom Ringenbach**, Vice President – **Bob Smith**, Secretary – **Charlie Wade**, Treasurer – **Thomas Lane**, Directors – **Tom Broadhead**, **Jim Pettway**, **Barbara Steverson**.

Tom Ringenbach presented his concept for a KPS mentoring program. **Bob Smith** brought to the attention of the members a current issue with the APS role of position for fund raiser. He only asked the KPS membership to view both sides of the issue before voting. KPS will donate \$50 to the American Topical Association and \$25 to the APS in memory of member **Patricia Rush**. **Stu Hanlein** told members of upcoming Precancell Society meeting in Chattanooga in August. Prior to the business meeting **Dave Kanziolka** presented the program – Postal Stationary. Dave's presentation gave insight into a special niche for the hobby.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

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KPS Board Meeting – April 2, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society officers and directors convened for the quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided.

Charlie Wade, **Tom Ringenbach**, **Tom Broadhead** and **Ralph Dinwiddie** were appointed to the committee to recommend themes for KnoxPex 2014. The KPS process for handling APS circuit books will remain as is. **Jim Pettway** will continue to coordinate this activity. KPS will nominate **Tom Broadhead** for the APS Carter Volunteer Recognition Award, Local Service. **Jim Pettway** will handle documentation for this nomination. KPS will donate \$25 to the APS in memory of member **Patricia Rush**. KPS will donate \$50 to the American Topical Association.

Tom Ringenbach presented a concept for a KPS Mentor Program. Members will forward any comments and suggestions to Tom. As president, Tom will implement this program. Jim Pettway presented a plan to update/expand the KPS member collecting interest list. The KPS program chairman will coordinate all audio/visual needs for the club meetings. The location for the Saturday, May 18 meeting will be determined and notification will be emailed to members.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs – www.stampclubs.com/events.

June 4 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – Maximum Cards by Dave Warfel.

July 2 – KPS monthly meeting Program – TBA

July 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

August 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a 60 cent US special delivery stamp (Scott E23). Issued in 1971, it was the last of the US special delivery stamps, which first appeared in 1885). The additional special delivery charge guaranteed expedited, personal delivery to the recipient's address. Such service now is mostly offered for registered, insured, and express mail that require a signature. Thanks to **Ralph Dinwiddie** for these stamps.



The Many Varieties of Revenue Stamped Paper Used for Tennessee Bank Checks

By Steve Swain

In the February, 2012, issue of the *Knoxville Philatelic Society News*, Bruce Roberts discussed the Tax Act of July 1, 1862, in which President Abraham Lincoln authorized the establishment of a comprehensive series of taxes, the payment of which could be shown by “adhesive stamps, stamped paper, vellum, or parchment.” “Stamped paper” was used extensively with the printing of bank checks. Quite graciously, Bruce then reached out to the Knoxville club members with:

I am supplying each club member with an example of revenue stamped paper. I am providing some of each of the Scott catalog numbers RN-D1, RN-G1, and RN-X6 or X7. You have the challenge of determining which design you have received from the Scott US Specialized Catalog.

I hope you have been successful with Bruce’s challenge. But if you have not yet identified the revenue stamped paper designs, here is some additional insight into the “RN” types of revenue stamped paper on the checks Bruce provided, as well as several others. Tennessee bank checks are used for examples of the revenue stamped paper.



The Scott numbering system has the following format for classifying the designs of revenue stamped paper used for bank checks: With “RN” as the major designation, meaning “revenue stamped paper,” A-X designates the stamp design (Type) and 1-26 indicates the specific variety of the stamp.

For example, shown here is RN-**J5**, the Scott number for the stamp Type of a bust of George Washington facing

right (**J**) and a variety that was printed in vivid red-orange (**5**).

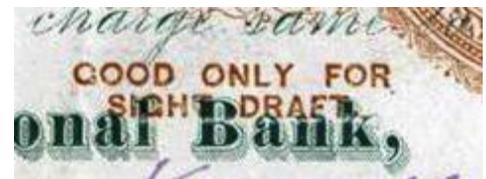
Quite often, a lower case letter is associated with the variety number to further classify the variety. For example, J5a indicates a double impression of the J5 design. C21c classifies the imprint of C21 being on the back of the check and inverted. And, an upper case “S” following the variety number indicates a “Specimen” or “Sample” version, such as RN-B1S.

One of the most common and diverse Types of revenue stamped paper for bank checks is Type B. It was the first design to be used and was printed in a number of color varieties. The design features an eagle inside a pointed-oval frame. Here is a Scott #RN-B1, 2c orange Eagle, issued in 1869, used on a Paris, Tennessee bank check.



Scott #RN-C1, the 2c brown George Washington, issued 1872 (shown on the next page), will sometimes have an inscribed note reminding the user that the two-cent tax was only sufficient when the document was used for certain purposes. Such a notation - “GOOD ONLY FOR SIGHT DRAFT” - is shown here on a Sweetwater, Tenn. bank check.

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Examples of the RN-D1 and RN-G1 types are:



Scott #RN-D1, 2c orange Benjamin Franklin
on a Nashville bank check



Scott #RN-G1, 2c orange Liberty
on a Nashville bank check

Documentary taxes were reinstated in 1898 to assist in funding the Spanish American War. The Type X design is a left-facing bust of George Washington. However, the distinct difference in the Type X design is the inclusion of "DOCUMENTARY STAMP" on the left and right circular portions of the design, as seen below on a Scott RN-X7, Knoxville bank check.



Revenue stamped paper for checks and related documents proliferated in the 1865-1883 time period and primarily for only checks in the 1898-1902 period. The numerous types and varieties of imprinted stamps – some being quite rare – are abundantly highlighted on checks used by Tennessee banks. Combine this with elegant art work on beautifully engraved, colorful checks and collecting revenue stamped paper used for Tennessee bank checks is a most intriguing and satisfying specialty theme.

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The Global Forever Stamp

On January 28, 2013, the USPS issued its first "Forever Stamp" specifically for use on international mail. It currently sells for \$1.10 and can mail a first class letter weighing 1 ounce anywhere in the world, or a 2 ounce letter to Canada.

As a collector of postal history, I enjoy figuring postage rates from covers and cards, so forever stamps aren't my preference. But, I am not going to spend time criticizing the concept of forever stamps. Instead, I will criticize the design of the new stamp!

I like the circular shape, and the stamp has great visual appeal – at first glance. But, wait just a minute. This is a stamp intended to send mail from the US to far parts of the world. Wouldn't it have been nice to show the US, or at least more of it? Then, recipients would have a better idea of the geographic source of their mail.



This fall, I will be again teaching a seminar class to freshman honors students at UT. The title of the course is "Images of Nations and Peoples," and the course emphasizes how countries promote themselves,

their histories, their innovations, their famous people, and their cultures through images on stamps. We will take some time to critique stamp designs, and this stamp will be included in this fall's class. We'll see if students also think that there was an opportunity missed to show where we are in the world. Stay tuned.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Those of you who are members of the APS, and there are quite a few, are no doubt aware of the results of that organization's recent membership vote. In addition to electing new officers, the members were asked to vote on a set of changes to the APS Bylaws, which would open the door to create a new officer position whose primary responsibility would be fund raising. The membership overwhelmingly defeated this motion.

My point in bringing this up is not to comment on the merits or shortfalls of the proposal, but as a cautionary tale for our own club. Your officers and Board members, all of whom have volunteered solely for the good of the club, work hard coming up with new ideas for making our club better. These ideas are thoroughly vetted within the Board then presented to the membership for its approval. To complete this picture, the membership itself must be activist by nature, questioning and probing the Board until the why and wherefore of the proposals are fully understood. Only then should a vote be taken, and not always to simply "rubber stamp" a motion. A fully informed and critical membership is a necessary safeguard for keeping our club always heading in the right direction. Do your part!

Speaking of new proposals, I wrote last month about our proposed mentor program, explaining what it was and why we think we need it. After sufficient soak time, I am now asking members to step forward and volunteer to be mentors. It doesn't take much "work" as mentor, but your role could be a big boost to attracting and keeping new members, thereby growing our club. Please email me with your questions or to volunteer, or see me at the next meeting.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 4, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 20 members present. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided.

The minutes of the April meeting as reported in the newsletter were approved. **Thomas Lane** submitted the treasurer's report which was approved. The current club accounts total \$7,733.33. In addition there is payment due from Regency and KPS holds thousands of dollars' worth of stamps in inventory.

Grant Henderson was a guest at the meeting. He is a new collector and collects US stamps. There were two guests present from the *East Tennessee Post Card Club*: Joyce Francis and Benny Conley. Joyce gave information about their club and the next scheduled meeting on Saturday, June 22. For further information, she can be reached at joyfrancis100@yahoo.com or 712-7126.

The board has approved spending \$350 to buy a US collection for our club inventory.

After the business meeting Dave Warfel presented the program – Maxiphilately – and showed parts of his maximum card collection, a collecting area more common in Europe than in the US. There followed a question and answer.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

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A Trip Down Memory Lane at the July KPS meeting

John Smartt's program for the July KPS meeting is not just a presentation about his first stamp album. He wants it to be a fun, reminiscent discussion of all of our early collections and the first albums we had. If you still have your first album, bring it for a little show and tell! What was your first album, or did you start without one? Did you find stamp hinges immediately or use library paste? How fast did you outgrow your first album? Tell us about your first and best stamp swap buddy. Tell us about your first experience with approvals and how it made you feel. Tell us about your first experience with mail order.

News and Notes

Tom Broadhead's article, "The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris," was published in the April 2013 issue of the *France and Colonies Philatelist* (v. 69, no. 2, p. 36-44).

Thanks go to **Ralph Dinwiddie** for assembly and mailing of the June and July KPS Newsletters. Printing and preparation of the cachet and newsletter take 13 steps before they go in the mail to you.

Do you have a collecting topic to share? Contact KPS Vice President **Bob Smith** to get on the schedule for program presentations at our monthly meetings.

Upcoming Events

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July 2 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – My First Stamp Album, by **John Smartt**

July 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

August 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA

August 24 – KPS Saturday meeting – place TBA – suggestions for places are most welcome!

Stamp of the Month

The stamp you have this month stamp is a recent US definitive with a Chattanooga, Tennessee precancel overprint. For once, we are featuring the cancel more than the stamp! Take some time to learn more about precancels from **Stu Hanlein's** article on the next page, or come to the Precancel Stamp Society's show in August. Our stamps this month are a gift from **Stu**.



An Opportunity to Go to a Different Stamp Show

By Stu Hanlein

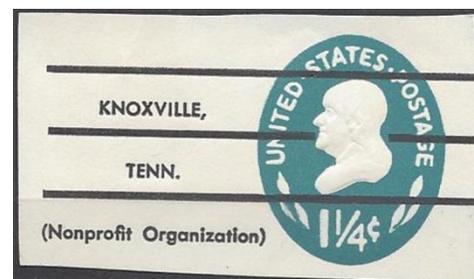
The Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) will have its 92nd annual convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 20-24, 2013. This is the only stamp convention where every dealer will have a stock of precancelled stamps. Not only that but most of the dealers are precancel collectors themselves and are going to do their best to find what you are seeking for your collection. I should add that for the last several years the Perfin Club has joined in the convention as well – we even have catalogs for perforated precancels, so there is a crossover.

I'm sure most KPS members have heard one or more of my presentations, but for the uninformed let me explain what a precancelled stamp is. In the "old days" when I started collecting, precancels were in great usage in our mail system. Today they have been replaced by bulk mailings which blanket us all with trash mail. The object of precancelling stamps – that is actually printing a cancellation on the stamp prior to affixing it to an envelope or a parcel – was to save time for postal clerks, who would have to hand cancel all mail submitted through their offices. By allowing big mailers such as Sears and Montgomery Ward and local merchants to purchase permits allowing them to use precancelled stamps on their mailings, in exchange for a reduced mailing rate, local offices reduced the amount of time handling the mail, which at a cost saving to them. A format was established (as with all other government run operations) that the name of the city and state would appear on the cancelling device between two horizontal lines. Of course, local post offices could choose to use their own unique devices that were in use prior to the "standardization." Consequently, the pursuit of local devices is a bigger challenge than finding standard government regulation bureau prints. The PSS has catalogs for both the bureau prints and the locals. Every denomination of every bureau print stamp is included, close to 10,000 at last count and still growing slowly. The catalog for locally precancelled stamps is another story. There are some standard types used universally, and then there is a listing of unique types for each state. Pricing in the local catalog is for the lowest denomination available.

Knoxville, Tennessee, has had 9 different precancel devices used over the years. Four of these are standard bureau types and are generally available, although their uses on some of the higher stamp denominations are a bit scarce. The 5 local devices are shown here with their PSS designated type numbers. Also shown are a fake "Knoxville Tenn." and a precancelled envelope (catalogs exist). The Fake type that probably cost more than the others because there are fewer of them, we think! By the way, a catalog of precancel fakes is in the works as well!



Several years ago we founded the Tennessee Precancel Club with the intent to produce a catalog of all the different denominations with all types of TN precancels for all the towns in TN. We are still working toward this goal, and I personally have 8 volumes of TN precancelled stamps of different denominations. As you can see in the picture there are varieties of precancels, such as inverted, doubles, and in the recent vinyl type of precancels spacing has become an area of interest. Our local club had its arm twisted to sponsor the forthcoming show. Unfortunately, for me I wound up having surgery to correct my shoulder problem. Both and I have been working on the arrangements and will be glad when August arrives. But the pain will be worth it when we have the opportunity to have so many precancel dealers in our area at one time. I am sure I will add more to my bulging volumes. I sincerely hope that anyone who can spare the time come down to the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel next month and see why this area of collecting is so captivating. Our KPS Editor has graciously accepted the offer to be the speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening and has promised to unveil some "unique Chinese precancels." Anyone wishing more details can contact **Stu Hanlein** or **Ralph Dinwiddie**.



A cut square from a precancelled envelope.

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1998 Breast Cancer Semipostal – Still Raising Research Funds – and an Excellent Postal History Study Possibility

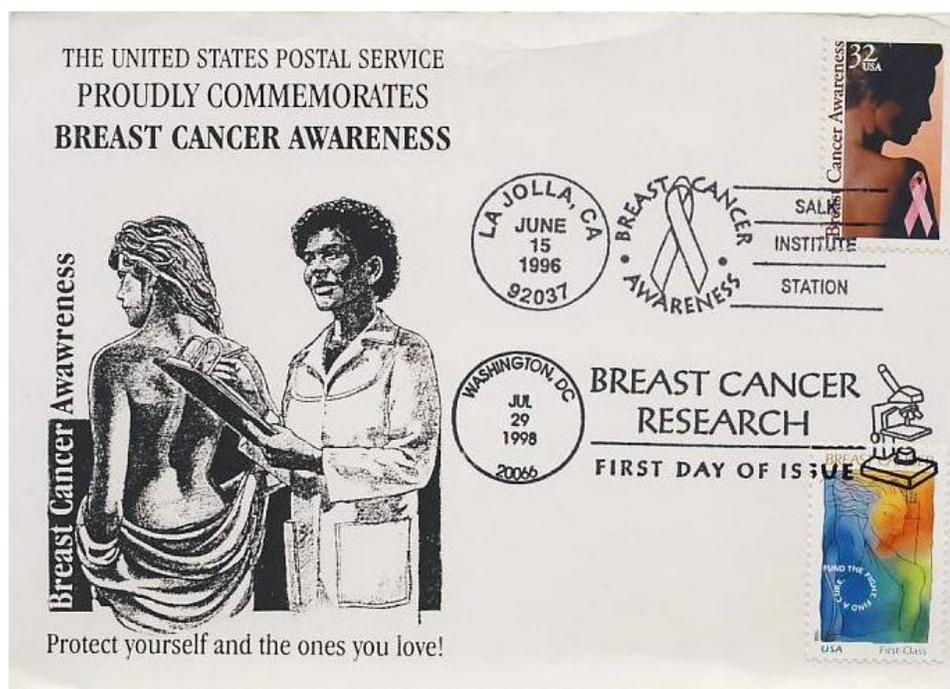
by Tom Broadhead

On July 29, 1998, almost 15 years ago, the USPS issued our nation's first semipostal stamp, honoring the many who historically have and who now do courageously face the challenge of breast cancer, with the additional cost of the stamp supporting breast cancer research. Since that day, there have been a few other US semipostals, but repeated authorizations by all presidents to continue the production and sale of the breast cancer stamp not only helps to maintain awareness and raise funds, but also makes it an important, unsung part of modern US postal history.

In its 15 years, this stamp has paid the first class domestic letter rate during its climb from 32 cents to the present 46 cents. Twice, the price of the stamp was adjusted to help maintain an approximately 10 cent charity surcharge. The postally historical part, though, is the 10 different postage rates! That means that this great stamp should be collected on covers with clear dates showing first and last days of each rate period. I think this would be a great collecting and exhibiting area, with some well-defined challenges. Don't be tempted to think of this stamp as a "forever" stamp, although I hope that it will continue to be issued for many years. Each time a postal rate increases, the charitable contribution of the stamp is reduced, unless the price of the stamp is increased.

I looked at about 400 covers with this and the earlier breast cancer awareness stamp (Scott 3081). All but one were first day covers of one of these stamps. The exception was a 2002 cover, but not the first day of a new rate that year. Here is an example of a combination first day cover, featuring both the 1996 commemorative and the 1998 semipostal.

If you are looking for a collecting challenge involving a modern US stamp, this may be just the thing for you!



Date	1 st class rate	Stamp cost
7/29/98	0.32	0.40
1/10/99	0.33	0.40
1/7/01	0.34	0.40
6/30/02	0.37	0.45
1/8/06	0.39	0.45
5/14/07	0.41	0.55
5/12/08	0.42	0.55
5/11/09	0.44	0.55
1/22/12	0.45	0.55
1/27/13	0.46	0.55

As of October, 2012, the stamp has raised over \$76.3 million for breast cancer research. By law, 70 percent of the net amount raised is given to the National Institutes of Health and 30 percent is given to the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense.

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This, That, and some Others

If you've never been to a national-level stamp show, there's one later this month a short distance away. The Precancel Stamp Society will have its annual show August 20-24 at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel, 1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. KPS precancel collectors **Stu Hanlein** and **Ralph Dinwiddie** will be there, and Stu is one of the show organizers. There will be 31 dealers more than at any of our local or regional shows. There will be more offered by dealers than precancels. Don't miss this opportunity!



Also this month, regular KnoxPex dealer, Bill Vance will have his usual summer bourse at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Rd. in Knoxville – August 24-25, 10-5 and 10-4.

This newsletter features the first of (I hope) a long series of stamp-stories by KPS members. It's an outgrowth of **John Smartt's** program in July, and John has contributed the first story. Send me some short stories and photos about your interesting collecting experiences for future newsletters!

It won't be long before October – Stamp Collecting Month – will be upon us. Now is the time to start getting ready for the KPS annual live auction. KPS members can bring up to 10 items to auction, and all of the proceeds go to the seller. Whether your items sell for 5 cents or 500 dollars – you get to keep it all. Next month's newsletter will include the auction list form, which you will need to complete and bring along with your lots for sale to the October meeting. Bring some lots to sell and some money to spend.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

What's new under the (philatelic) sun? There's a great opportunity coming up to find out and, fortunately, our club will be able to take advantage of it. I'm speaking of a special one-day Stamp Show Summit that immediately precedes the APS *StampShow* later this month in Milwaukee.

The Summit is the brain child of Mark Reasoner, a familiar dealer to many of us and a force within the American Stamp Dealers Association. The ultimate purpose of the Summit is to improve the quality and success rate of stamp shows everywhere, both large and small. The Summit will accomplish this by identifying current best practices relating to virtually every aspect of a show, and to generate possible solutions for areas where stamp shows often struggle. Most importantly, the Summit will create excellent networking opportunities, both during the conference and into the future. The APS believes this event is important enough that it will tape the conference and make it available on its website.

We are all proud of the success of our annual KnoxPex show. This conference will hopefully generate a lot of new ideas, some of which may well find a happy home at our show and make it even better. By the same token, we will have a few ideas of our own to share, such as our popular and successful auction that is a key part of KnoxPex. The idea is to make stamp shows everywhere more successful.

VP **Bob Smith**, along with **Bruce Roberts** and **Thomas Lane** will be attending. We all look forward to their report and the opportunity to discuss ways to perhaps add a few new wrinkles to KnoxPex and make it a more fun experience for everyone.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 2, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 18 members present. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided. Tom introduced **Maria Javier**, who is returning to the hobby of stamp collecting. She considers herself a beginner and is excited to be the newest member of the KPS.

Minutes of the June meeting were not available and were not voted on. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's Report: income for the month - \$241.50; expenses - \$1,123.32; total assets - \$7,241.21; account receivable from Regency Superior Auctions - \$2,025.00. The net profit, to date for KnoxPex 2013 is \$372.21.

Tom Ringenbach asked for volunteers to work with him on the mentoring program. **Bob Smith** volunteered for the Crossville area. **Steve Grisham** asked for the names and contact information for all members in order to develop areas of interest and email contacts. **Jim Pettway** spoke to the issue of privacy and his role as a communication conduit to members. **Barbara Steverson** and **Tom Broadhead** will work to update member name tags.

John Smartt gave the program, "What was your first stamp album," which elicited many lively and colorful stories from members. **Tom Broadhead** asked that members send him their reminiscences from any aspect of collecting for the newsletter.

Submitted: Bob Smith, Interim Secretary

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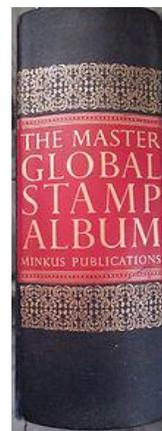
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The Perfect Album

by John Smartt

Within one year after receiving that small, bound, non-loose-leaf first stamp album for my birthday, and beginning stamp collecting, I realized that the first album was out of date. The new commemoratives, which my dad brought home from his office, had no place in the album. I began looking for the solution - a 4-5 inches thick *Master Global Album*. What a giant it was; it became the largest book in our home. It was apparently guaranteed to have a space for every stamp ever issued (well, not quite) and so, for the first year after its acquisition (I believe my mother helped pay for it) it was PERFECT.

Of course albums don't stay perfect long, and I began to buy the annual supplements. And, of course, sooner or later, I believe it was only a couple of years later, the binder wouldn't hold the new annual supplement. AND, the two post binders in the album didn't match regular notebooks. I don't know what I did to solve the problem, but I do remember feeling let down regular notebooks did not work. I suspected that Minkus was in some conspiracy. The stamp gods did not smile on me every day!



Upcoming Events

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July 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

August 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – “The story behind the exhibit: Marketing Stark County's Farm Implements” by **Tom Ringenbach**; KPS Board Meeting – 6:00.

September 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – “A Guide for Grading Postage Stamps” by **Charlie Wade**.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a 6 cent US definitive stamp of 1965 showing President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The general design exists in four formats: horizontal – sheet (Scott 1284), booklet panes (Scott 1284 b, c), and vertical coils (Scott 1298); vertical format – horizontal coils (Scott 1305 – issued in 1968). It was a workhorse stamp, paying the first class domestic letter rate for several years. Your example this month is from a booklet pane – identified by the presence of one or two straight edges and three or two perforated margins. Thanks to **Ralph Dinwiddie** for these stamps.



POSTAL HISTORY WITH MY GRANDDAUGHTER AIDAN

By Bruce Roberts

On June 4 I had two things that intersected to produce a cool time. I had loaded the KPS stamps in my car for our meeting, but I also had my granddaughter Aidan with me during the day and she rode in the car with the stamps, while I took her back to her Dad. She noticed the 50 cent cover boxes, and was soon pulling out covers by the handful and asking me questions about them. She took 4 covers with her, and shared them with kids in their apartment complex. Apparently they caused a stir. When she next joined me she wanted to go through all the boxes and had many questions. I explained embossed envelopes, machine and hand cancels, postage rate changes, and much more.

She picked out the cover shown here. It was mailed from Denver, Colorado to Topeka, Kansas in 1899. The letter was still enclosed, and it was in cursive, something else a 9 year old does not see much. I read her the letter which started "My dear Frank - I expect now to start for Chicago in a couple of weeks and if I can do so would like to stop overnight in Topeka and see you all...am not sure that my ticket would allow me to do so." This led to a discussion of (1) railroad travel, (2) railroad tickets, (3) letters carried by rail, steamboat, and air plane, (4) letter canceled in Denver on Nov 27 at 1 PM and backstamped in Topeka at 8 AM November 28 - how?, and (5) Lack of email so that the only way people could communicate was by letter. She was amazed that something 114 years old can be purchased for 50 cents. Aidan spent nearly 4 hours hunting interesting covers. You might be well rewarded if you consider sharing old covers with a child, not just old stamps!

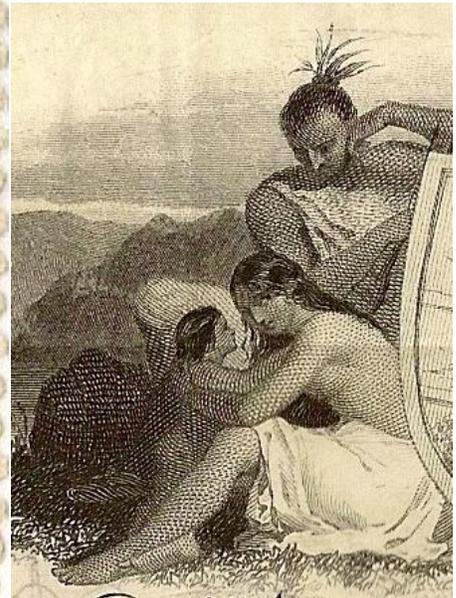
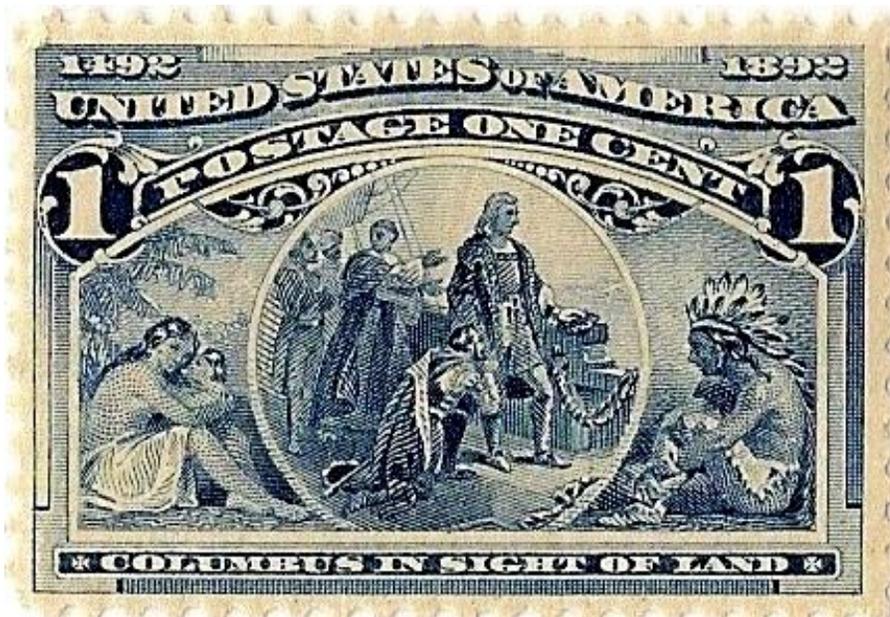


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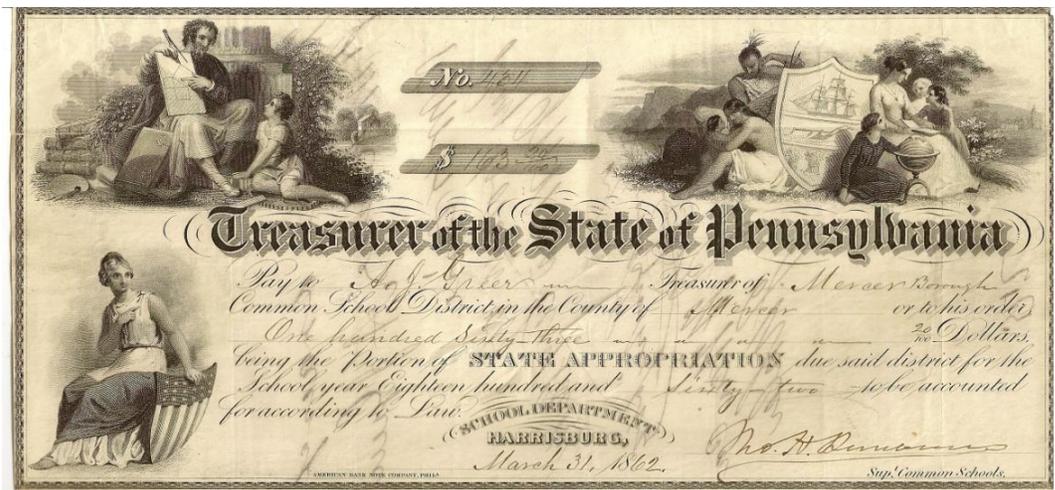
In The News – a Discovery by Bob Toal

by Tom Broadhead

Linn's Stamp News is my regular source for a great variety of stamp information, and it takes me away from my specialty interests to the broader extent of our hobby. I am fascinated by the history of stamp designs, and was reading John Hotchner's article, "Origin of Columbian stamp design element might be earlier American Bank Note check." (*Linn's*, July 15, 2013, p. 4). In his first paragraph, Hotchner says, "Courtesy of U.S. Notes reader Bob Toal, we may have an identification to support here that is 120 years old." I contacted Bob, a former KPS member and president, who was a radiology professor at UT's College of Veterinary Medicine and is now in private practice in northern Virginia. He sent me the images below that he had sent Hotchner for the *Linn's* article.



The image in question is the Native American woman and child, which appears at the left side of the vignette in the one cent Columbian stamp of 1892. Bob found the bank check above, where a similar woman and child design element, but in reverse, can be seen as part of the image in the upper right part of the check.



There are minor differences in the linework of the engraving, but the placement of the woman's feet, the drape of her clothing, the turn of her head, and the positions of her arm and the child's arm make this a clear design match. Thanks to our former member for sharing his discovery.

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100th KPS News Issue

This newsletter marks the 100th KPS newsletter produced by the team of **Ralph** and **Tom**. Our first issue was “way back” in June, 2005. It built on the strength of previous years of great newsletters edited by **Jim Pettway** and has continued the tradition of earning award recognition by the American Philatelic Society that began during Jim’s editorship. KPS News received its 6th straight gold medal award from the American Philatelic Society at StampShow 2013 in Milwaukee in mid August. The new mast head is modeled after my design for the KPS shirt logos.

The newsletter and accompanying custom cachet designed by **Ralph Dinwiddie** each month is the one tangible benefit that all KPS members receive. We’re grateful for the many compliments and awards, but your suggestions, notes, and articles are ways that you can connect to the rest of KPS members. Let us know if you have any needs or contributions, and all of the necessary contact information is at the bottom of page 2 of each issue.

It’s official – the theme of KnoxPex 2014 will focus on the 300th anniversary of the Siege of Fort McHenry and the writing of the “Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812. There are some great stamp options, including the 1975 For McHenry flag stamp (Scott 1597) for our cachets. Forthcoming newsletter topics and KPS events to look forward to are the accounts by **Thomas Lane**, **Bruce Roberts**, and **Bob Smith** of StampShow 2013, and the upcoming October live members auction.



Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

This month's column will consist of a short series of mostly unrelated thoughts. To wit:

Jim Pettway's recent email announcing our club's October auction reminded me that our hobby's seasonal hibernation is nearly over. The fall brings cooler weather and more philatelic events and activities. If you're as crazy about stamp shows as I am, you're looking at some great opportunities early next year, leading up to KnoxPex in early March. The South-eastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta is set for January 31-February 2, and the APS AmeriStamp Expo will be held in Little Rock February 14-16. This will be the last APS show within a reasonable drive of East Tennessee for a while, as StampShow 2014 will be held in Hartford, Connecticut and AmeriStamp Expo 2015 in Riverside, California.

We all use the internet as a critical component of our hobby activity. Buying and selling activities are boundless. Philatelic news is readily available as well, as is background information on the stamps and covers we collect. There's even a stamp club online!! If you haven't already done so, check out the Virtual Stamp Club at: www.virtualstampclub.com. My favorite feature on the site is the message board, with many topics covering the philatelic waterfront. Anyone can contribute to the conversation. My favorite this evening with a clever title was "Stamps Under the Mattress."

Finally, except for August, we have had prospective new members at several recent meetings. While our mentor program has been a bit slow to develop, we all can take a moment to make a visitor feel welcome with a simple hello and introduction. It's amazing how far a friendly gesture like that can take us!

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 6, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided. There were 22 people present. A guest, Ruben Holland, and a new member, **Butch Munill**, were introduced.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was approved. The club's current accounts total \$9843.11.

The following business items were discussed. The theme for KnoxPex 2014 was recommended by the show theme committee and approved. The theme will be the *200th Anniversary of the Bombardment of Ft. Henry and the writing of The Star Spangled Banner*. A special promotion of dues of \$5.00 for the remainder of this year or \$20.00 through 2014 will be offered at the upcoming Knoxville stamp show. Wendy Smith, a reporter for the *Bearden Shopper News* attended the meeting. She is planning a future article on the KPS. The October meeting will be the KPS Member Auction. A location for the December holiday party is needed. Litton's restaurant in Fountain City was discussed as a possibility.

Tom Ringenbach presented a program entitled "The Story Behind the Exhibit: Marketing Stark County's Farm Implements." This was based on his "Most Popular" award winning exhibit at KnoxPex 2013. Tom brought several exhibit pages from his collection for the club to view.

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

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Loss of a Friend

We learned recently that **Ron Sarson**, a long time KPS member passed away in April at his home in Ohio. Ron served many years as KPS treasurer. His philatelic interests included British Machin stamps, but he had a great love for Contract Air Mail of the 1920s-30s, and he published a paper on that subject in *American Philatelist*.

KPS Logo Shirts

We have many new members and want to remind all that if they want a KPS logo shirt, all they need to do is to bring a freshly laundered woven or knit shirt to KPS Treasurer, **Thomas Lane**, together with the \$3.28 charge for embroidering the logo. Note that red shirts won't show the logo as well as other colors!



Stamp of the Month – Oops!

My apologies to all for putting the wrong stamp in last month's newsletter. It was supposed to be an example from the booklet pane (Scott 1254 b or c), but I found I didn't have enough, so substituted examples of the sheet stamp (Scott 1284). Tom

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs – www.stampclubs.com/events.

September 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – "First Day Covers with Ship Cancellations" by **Thomas Lane**. Bonus – first shopping from the newly purchased auction lots of great US stamps!

October 1– KPS monthly meeting – Program – Annual Live Auction for Stamp Collecting Month.

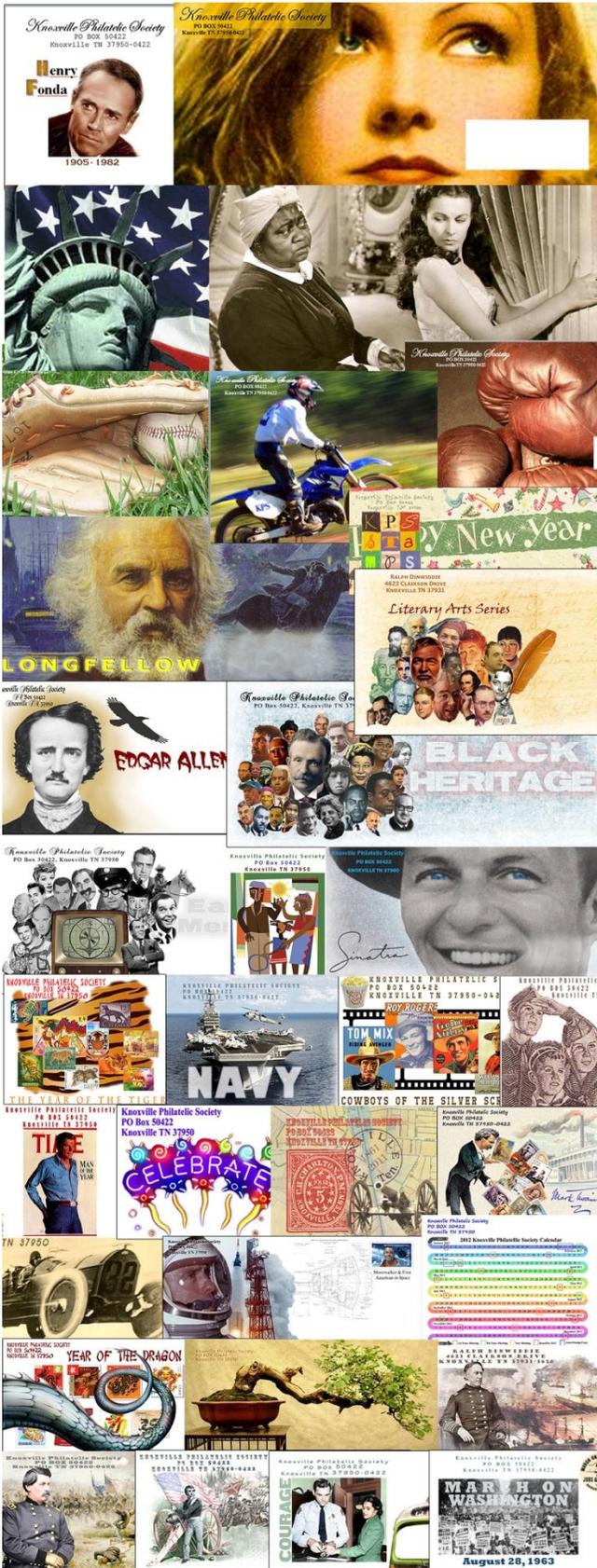
October 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – Check out offerings in APS circuit sales and new Regency Auction Lots.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 3 cent US definitive stamp of 1975 showing historian Francis Parkman (Scott 1281). It is part of the 1965-1978 Prominent Americans series and also was issued as a coil stamp (Scott 1297). Parkman is best known for his books about the Oregon Trail and the influence of France and England in North America. These stamps are donated by **Tom Broadhead**.



By Ralph Dinwiddie



First a little history; around mid-April, 2005, the editor of the KPS Newsletter (**Jim Pettway**) asked for a volunteer to take over the publishing and distribution of the Newsletter. On April 18th I wrote back with the suggestion of splitting the job into two positions; 1) Editor in Chief, responsible for layout and content of the newsletter and 2) Communications Director, responsible for printing and mailing the newsletter. At the time I thought it would be easier to find 2 people to take on these jobs than it would be to find one person willing to take on the massive job and responsibility of KPS Editor. I volunteered for either position, with my preference being for the job of communications director. Jim sent this suggestion to KPS membership and **Tom Broadhead** immediately volunteered to take on the job as Editor in Chief. Later these two positions were renamed Editor and Publisher. Our first edition was June, 2005 and was mailed out in late May. Tom created an entirely new layout and masthead, as well as, continuing the tradition of informative and useful content. You can read our first edition of the KPS newsletter at the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs website, <http://www.stampclubs.com/news/knoxville/KPSJune2005News.pdf>.

My contribution to the newsletter was printing it in color for the first time and mailing it in a cacheted envelope. The goal was to frank the newsletter with a recently released stamp and include a related cachet to add visual interest, announce the stamp, and perhaps create something which one day may be considered collectable. It's been quite a challenge coming up with a new cachet design every month. Not all new stamps are inspiring or make for a single cachet covering 20 different related designs. Thankfully there is at least 12 stamps a year that work for me. By the way, back in June 2005 stamps were 37 cents and we had 37 members. Today stamps are 46 cents and KPS has grown to 82 members.

Even the simplest tasks are difficult to do successfully 100 times in a row. And both jobs of producing the newsletter consist of dozens of steps, and often relying on the timely contributions of others. Add to that the complications of everyday life such as family commitments and crises, business deadlines and travel, vacations, out of town visitors, illnesses, yard work, and housework. With all these challenges and distractions both Tom and I are very proud, and frankly amazed, of the accomplishment of bringing to KPS members 100 issues in 100 months. We both want to thank everybody who has contributed time and content over the years. Please keep your articles and other contributions coming. If you'd like to join the newsletter team by volunteering to hinge the stamp of the month, fold the newsletter and stuff the envelopes, just let Tom or me know. We'd be happy to divide the newsletter production into 3 or 4.

Pictured on the left is a mosaic of some of my favorite cachets, starting with the first in the upper left corner and ending with #100 on the bottom right. Which one is your favorite?

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 3

“Long May It Wave” the Star Spangled Banner on US Stamps

by Tom Broadhead

The next few months will be exciting, as we prepare for KnoxPex 2014 – our Star Spangled Stamp Show – March 1-2. Let's take a look at the iconic Fort McHenry flag and some of the related stamps that the U.S. has issued over the last several decades.

The flag, itself, had not only 15 stars, but also 15 stripes. Both reflected the admission of Vermont and Kentucky as states, and that design dates to 1795. The current concept, with stars representing all states and the 13 stripes representing the original states, dates to an act of congress in 1818. Prior to that, stars had not been added for the admission of Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi.

Wonderfully, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during its bombardment in 1814, survives. It is on display since 2008 following an extensive restoration that began in 1999 in the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. The original flag, sewn by Mary Pickersgill assisted by two daughters, two nieces, and two servants, measured 30 by 42 feet.



The actual remnant of the Fort McHenry flag. Some missing areas represent souvenirs that were removed in the 19th century, before the flag was presented to the Smithsonian in 1912. A 2 x 5 inch piece of the flag sold at auction in 2011 for \$38,837.

The first stamp issued to commemorate the flag and our national anthem was the three cent commemorative of 1948 (Scott 962), which honored Francis Scott Key, author of the text, originally titled “The Defence of Fort McHenry.”



Subsequently, a portion of the text appeared on a stamp in the Credo series (Scott 1142) of 1960. Not easily recognized, it comes from the fourth and final verse of Key's poem.



The most recent stamps showing the flag have appeared in 1968 (Scott 1346) and 1975 (Scott 1597).



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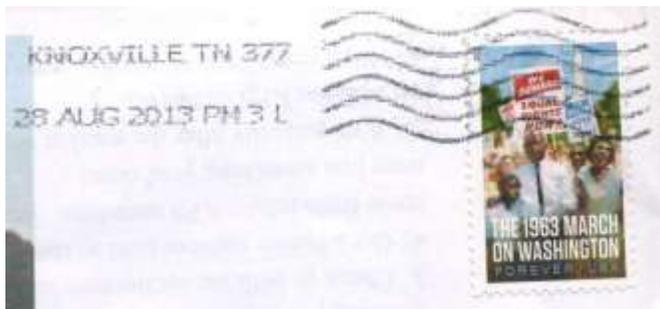
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Newsletter Notes

Our hobby is one where it's usually the details that count the most. Printing details, dates, and rates are just a few of the interesting details in philately. It should come as no surprise that **Ralph Dinwiddie** and I hustled to get the September newsletter finished and ready to mail on August 28, the actual date anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington lead by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. So, the envelope that brought the news to you not only had Ralph's beautiful cachet, but also the anniversary stamp, and an August 28 cancel.



We're delighted to get our sixth APS gold award for the KPS Newsletter, and also received critiques from the three judges. You may notice the better quality paper, which keeps printing on both sides from visually bleeding. The last two pages, which historically have been single column, are now double column, consistent with the rest of the newsletter, and easier to read.

What do you want to see in the KPS Newsletter? We have a call out for personal recollections from members, but response is a little light – so far. Send me some notes about highlights or memorable events in your collection! Let's take this opportunity to learn more about each other!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I marveled at the level of club purchases at the KPS September meeting from the collections our Milwaukee team bought for us at this year's APS StampShow. Over \$1600 in sales, in one short evening!! This says a lot, on many different levels. For one, it tells us there are quite a few very dedicated collectors in our club not afraid to put serious money down in pursuit of their favorite hobby (further proof stamp collecting is alive and well). Second, this result demonstrates that the club's stamp marketing program is filling a real stamp source void in the East Tennessee area, given the lack of local dealers. Finally, it demonstrates that many of our members are real connoisseurs when it comes to their stamps, responding very positively to an opportunity to add *quality* stamps to their collections.

This activity, begun humbly enough just a few years ago, is now a major value added from our membership in KPS. Although he's had some assistance along the way, the fact is that none of this would have happened except for the concerted and ongoing efforts of **Bruce Roberts**. I doubt that many of us have stopped to realize and appreciate the time that Bruce puts into identifying, describing, and pricing each individual lot, and the expertise he brings to this task to assure, as best anyone could, the accuracy of his descriptions.

I decided it was more than appropriate to use this space this month to thank Bruce for all his efforts that have been so successful in making our club and our hobby that much more fun for all of us. Bruce, we really appreciate it!

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 3, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided. There were 25 people present. **Victor Degutis** was introduced as a former KPS member returning after a long absence. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented a Treasurer's Report, which was approved. KPS currently has a cash balance of \$6920.

Bruce Roberts and **Thomas Lane** began the meeting with a presentation of their auction experience at the recent StampShow in Milwaukee. Bruce explained how they analyze auction lots for possible purchase and passed around a binder containing his bid sheet analysis.

Tom Broadhead and **Ralph Dinwiddie** were recognized for their continuing efforts for the club as Editor and Publisher of the KPS News. The September issue was the 100th edition under their leadership. **Jim Pettway** presented Tom and Ralph with the APS Gold Award won at STAMPSHOW for the newsletter, noting that this was the sixth gold medal won in as many years under their leadership.

Stu Hanlein briefed the members on the Precancel Stamp Society's 92nd annual convention held August 20-24 in Chattanooga. A brief discussion of the December dinner meeting concluded with **Stu Hanlein** agreeing to investigate Litton's as a possible site and **Rich Kaplan** looking into Asia Café. **Tom Broadhead**

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and **Barbara Steverson** passed around a design for guest name tags for club meetings. **Gary Santini** noted a donation of stamp albums to KPS. **Jim Pettway** concluded the meeting with a presentation on the American Topical Association.

Submitted by:

Tom Ringenbach, Interim Secretary

Welcome New Members

Interest in KPS is strong, and in the last few weeks, we have seven new members: **Robert Barger**, from Georgetown, TN, **David Icove** and **Joseph Maurizio** from Knoxville, **Victor Degutis** from Talbott, TN, **Butch Munill** from Vonore, TN, **Dan Hubbard** and **Richard Odum** from Johnson City, TN,

Southeast Stamp Expo 2014

By Bruce Roberts

I am the Exhibits Chairman for the Southeast Stamp Expo, a World Series of Philately show to be held in Atlanta, January 31- February 2, 2014. The show is sponsored by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, of which the Knoxville Philatelic Society is a member.

We want exhibits from members of clubs in the Federation. KPS members can email me for more information, can mail me an entry at the address below, or bring it to me at a club meeting. I can take exhibits to Atlanta and mount and dismount them for any member who wants to exhibit but cannot attend the show in person. We have space for up to 12 single-frame exhibits, and up to 160 frames total. Please consider entering and exhibit this year.

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October 1: KPS monthly meeting – Program – Annual **Live Auction** for Stamp Collecting Month.

October 29: KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – Check out offerings in APS circuit sales and new Harmer-Schau and Regency Auction Lots.

November 5: KPS monthly meeting – Program – December Surprise, 1942 – by **Tom Broadhead**

December 3: KPS Holiday Party – place to be determined.

Stamp of the Month



As a reminder of the terrible turmoil in Syria, **Mike Kauffman** donated this month's stamp. It is part of a definitive set, issued in 1940. The stamp (Scott 273) shows the Damascus Museum on the 20 centime value.

Trip to the APS StampShow in Milwaukee

By Bruce Roberts

Thomas Lane and I drove to **Bob Smith's** house in Crossville on the morning of August 6. After a nice breakfast at the Smith's, the three of us set out in Bob's car for Milwaukee. We had to be there by August 7 at 4 PM so that Bob and I could attend the StampShow symposium about putting on stamp shows. We spent the night in Indianapolis and went on to Milwaukee on Wednesday. We checked into our hotel and headed to the convention center in downtown Milwaukee. Bob and I listened to a number of interesting presentations on producing stamp shows. I took a lot of notes and have shared them with the Show Committee for the Southeast Stamp Expo (I am the exhibits chair) and with our own KnoxPex committee.

All three of us had volunteered to work 8 hours at the show. It is a little known fact that APS could not put on the shows it does without a lot of volunteers, and they never have enough. Thomas helped put up exhibits in the frames on Wednesday while Bob and I were at the symposium. We all worked several hours in the registration area, and Bob and I worked at the



Thomas Lane (left) and **Bob Smith** staffed the event booth with **Bruce Roberts** at the show.

"Bucket of Stamps" table, which was an eye opener for me. The APS provides little pails like a kid would use to play on a sand beach. Kids get a pail for \$1 and adults pay \$5. There is a table piled high with stamps and each person fills their bucket. You can easily get 500 stamps in a bucket, so the cost is 1 cent each. I was pretty blasé about this, until I took some tongs and began fishing out stamps that cataloged up to \$5 each! At registration we could see that at least 30% of the people coming to the show had collections to sell and went to the "Stamps in Your Attic" to get a free appraisal. I have suggested we have this program at KnoxPex.

I spent most of my time looking at US lots to purchase for KPS at the Harmer-Schau and Regency auctions and there were plenty of lots to look at. Bob and Thomas spent many hours each doing the same. As always, there were terrific lots that we could have



Thomas and Bob invested a lot of their "show time" working with Bruce to identify lots to purchase for KPS.

bought "with a little more money" but we managed to buy some great stuff. I also bought an 1824 Little Rock Territory cover at Harmer-Shau for my exhibit! At the club meeting in September, we sold over \$1,600 worth of stamps, most from our purchases in Milwaukee! Because of the distance to drive, we did not get home until Monday night, exhausted but happy with the trip.

Since our trip, and the September KPS meeting, we have sold many more stamps from the trip at the September 21, Saturday meeting. We've now sold almost enough to cover the \$2600 price we paid!

Precancel Show is a Success

By Stu Hanlein

The annual Precancel Stamp Society meeting and show at the Choo-Choo hotel in Chattanooga last month was a complete success, with collectors (below) traveling as far as the west coast and the Netherlands. Thanks go to the Chattanooga Stamp Club, whose members helped each day at the show.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 1

Collecting Reminiscences

by Art Meharg

I started collecting back in the era of no TV, just a radio for the Lone Ranger and Sgt. Preston. I was perhaps 10 years, and used flour and water as glue to stick stamps in a very elementary book. Luckily they soaked off easily a few years later. I got into plate blocks and first day covers as a teenager.

When I went into the Military, I dropped stamp collecting, but would put stamps in a box for future work. My Grandmother was from Poland, and her correspondence gave me all her Polish stamps. It really wasn't until I retired that the boxes of stamps came out, and I've been working on Canada, US, Cuba, and Canal Zone. I've also turned to old covers, which led me to Railroad Post Office cancels. Before you could blink, while in an antique store in Lexington, I stumbled upon Postal Bus cancels, which I now have 30 or so.



A few years ago I discovered a large box of old covers in a West Virginia Antique shop, bought the box for \$20, and after a few weeks realized that this find was worth more than \$1500. I've donated many of these to KPS to give to any interested collectors. As we travel we find looking in antique shops good exercise for my legs, and I never know what I'll find. Most antique dealers have no appreciation for values of stamps. Competing with my time for stamps have been my Lionel trains, but I've been selling those so more stamps can be purchased. I've now moved to Springfield, Ohio, but hope to go to KnoxPex next spring.

KPS Meeting Notes

By Tom Broadhead

KPS monthly meetings are great opportunities to swap stamps and stamp stories, learn something new at our programs, plan future events for KPS, and acquire stamps. KPS receives Circuit Sales, managed by **Jim Pettway**, from the American Philatelic Society, and the auction purchase program, managed by **Bruce Roberts** has proven to be a successful way for members to add to their collections. In addition to monthly meetings, we also have 5th Tuesday meetings and quarterly Saturday meetings, where it's all about stamps, without a KPS business meeting. Here are photos of recent meetings.



Mike Kauffman and **Pat Goebel** chat with **Charles Stinnett**, while other members are busy shopping before the September regular KPS meeting.



Stu Hanlein shops the familiar yellow APS Circuit books at the September 21 Saturday meeting. Eighteen people attended and found plenty of great stamps for their collections.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, November 5

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Final Jeopardy!

I have loved the tv show, Jeopardy, since I was in high school, and recently did the online audition for it. I'm not holding my breath about being selected for the next audition round, but have two former UT Honors Students, who each appeared on the show – for one episode. But, I do enjoy shouting out the questions, and was delighted earlier this fall to see two Final Jeopardy answers that were philatelically appealing.

A few weeks ago, the final Jeopardy answer referred to geographic features shown on joint-issue stamps of



Nepal and Israel. I immediately thought of Mount Everest as the most distinctive feature in Nepal, then realized that its corresponding inverse would be the Dead Sea in Israel. All contestants got the first, but none guessed the second – in spite of my sending strong thought waves and yelling at the tv!

So, here's the beautiful stamp, issued by Israel, along with the tab that shows locations of both features and text. The

stamp itself gives the elevations for both.

What a treat it is to encounter philatelic tid-bits in our everyday lives – especially in movies and tv shows. Script writers should do more along those lines to increase interest. No?

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

The October KPS meeting featured our annual members' auction. If you weren't there, you missed a really fun evening and an opportunity to add some nice material to your collection at attractive prices. Not to worry, though. Our club continues to sponsor great opportunities to add to your collection and enjoy the hobby with your fellow members.

Coming hot on the heels of well-received stamp purchases at the APS annual StampShow, your Board authorized the purchase of another U.S. lot not sold in the Regency auction at the show. **Bruce Roberts** is working up this new collection and will have new lots available to our membership for purchase at the November meeting (if not before).

Two additional items of note: (1) Mark Tuesday, December 3, on your calendar. That's the date for our annual holiday dinner and yearend celebration. Remember that spouses and guests are welcome, and that we will have our traditional, and often hilarious gift exchange. Use your imagination in selecting your philatelic or non-philatelic gift. This year we have a great new location at Litton's restaurant which, personally, I am excited to try. Thanks to **Stu Hanlein** for firming up the arrangements. (2) The KPS Board will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6, prior to our monthly membership meeting. The primary purpose of this meeting is to begin planning for Knoxpex 2014 in March (It's not that far away!). In addition, we will discuss KPS support for the Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta this January, including ways to encourage member participation and attendance. By the way, members are always welcome to attend these meetings as we discuss plans for future club events.

Hope to see you at a future meeting.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 1, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting and annual Stamp Collecting Month Auction. There was no business meeting. Treasurer **Thomas Lane** reports that 68 lots were sold for a total of \$952.50 – all proceeds going to the sellers.

KPS 5th Tuesday Meeting – October 29

A lively and interested crowd of 18 attended the swap and shop meeting in October, taking advantage of freebies, APS Circuit Sales Books, and KPS auction purchases.



Remember that your KPS membership gives you access to an enormous range of stamp-buying opportunities. **Jim Pettway** coordinates the APS circuits, and **Bruce Roberts** organizes the auction lots – let them know your interests.

Submitted by Tom Broadhead, interim secretary

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KPS Holiday Party – December 3

The year-end holidays are fast approaching. Now is the time to put the KPS annual Holiday Party on your calendar. We will meet for dinner at Litton's Market & Restaurant, 2803 Essary Drive, Knoxville 37918. That is on north Broadway in Fountain City, near the "duck pond." In addition to our usual camaraderie and hilarity, we will have our annual gift exchange. Remember, gifts must cost less than \$5 and can be philatelic or non-philatelic in nature. And, feel free to bring a spouse or guest! If you have a program that you would like to present, let Bob Smith, our Vice President and Program Chair know.

Dues are Due!

The KPS Board of Directors has again approved the discounted KPS membership fee for early payment. Regular dues are \$15 per household for 2014, but if you pay by December 31, you will save 20% and only pay \$12.00. What a deal! In addition to receiving the monthly newsletter in a beautiful cachet, you can sell stamps at the October and March KnoxPex auctions, attend meetings, buy stamps from the APS Circuit Sales and KPS auction purchases. Most of all, you can spend some quality time with fellow collectors! Complete the enclosed form and send it now.

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November 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – December Surprise, 1942 – by **Tom Broadhead**

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February 4 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA. Final preparation for KnoxPex 2014.

March 1-2 – **KnoxPex 2014 Star Spangled Banner Bicentennial** – Holiday Inn West, 304 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville, TN 37923. Stay tuned for show details.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is part of the Jewish New Year set, issued by Israel in 1964 (Scott 264). The design features an ancient glass bottle, and other examples are shown on other stamps of the set. Examples were donated by **Rich Kaplan**, who believes the 8 agorot denomination paid a local postal rate and was used on mail to pay insurance premiums.

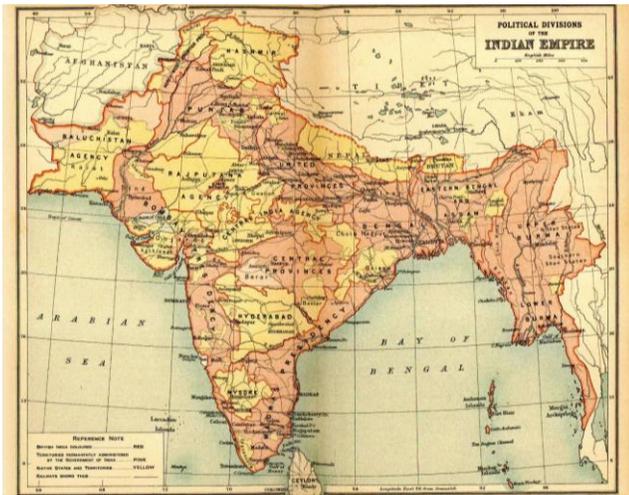
India – the Early Philatelic Years

By Tom Broadhead

India has always fascinated me, from reading Kipling’s stories and seeing the cartoon movie, The Jungle Book, to pouring over many stamps of the colonial and independent periods. Reading the Scott Catalog, I learned a little about the independent “Princely States,” many of which issued their own stamps for local use. But, I still had the opinion that since the end of the Seven Years War (French and Indian War to us North Americans) Britain had held the entirety of what is now present day India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh as a colony. Not so!

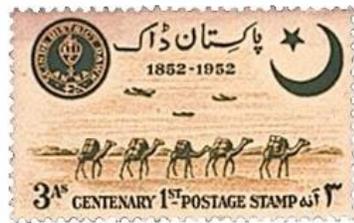


Stamps issued by the British East India Company



The map above, dated 1909, shows British colonies and controlled areas in pink, with independent states in yellow. So, present-day India was maybe only 50% British controlled.

The Scott Catalog identifies the earliest stamps as the “Dawks” embossed or printed circular stamps (below) from the Scinde District – now part of Pakistan.



These were commemorated by a Pakistani stamp 100 years later in 1952 (above). These are some of the great rarities of Indian philately.

These were followed by stamps issued by the British East India Company, which had administrative control over British interests. Those stamps showed profile portraits of Queen Victoria, the reigning monarch, and included one of the first bi-color stamps.

But, all was not well with management by the BEIC. In 1857, a widespread rebellion broke out, which is now recognized as India’s first war of independence. It was first commemorated by a stamp a century later (at right).



The result, however, was not independence, but the assumption of rule by the British government, and India became a colony. New stamps were not significantly different than those of the BEIC and continued the tradition of showing the British queen or king (below).



At the same time, there were other foreign influences. Vestiges of Portugal’s once large overseas empire remained with three small territorial enclaves, and France maintained coastal cities, small remnants of its pre-7 Years War territories in India (below).



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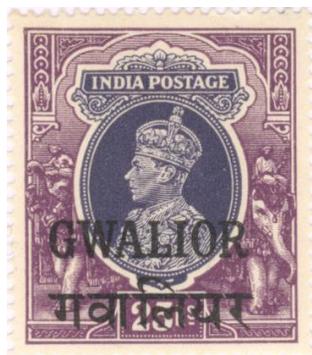
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Beyond the European colonies, substantial parts of India were independent (but not without some international influence) states, ruled by maharajahs and princes. Many also issued their own postage stamps, and some continued to do so to the time of independence in 1947. The Scott catalog lists stamps from "Convention States" and "Feudatory States." Six Convention States had signed a postal agreement with Britain, and they issued stamps of British India with the state name overprinted (below). They could be used throughout India.



Nabha



Gwalior

Feudatory States issued their own designs (below), and use of their stamps outside the respective state required the addition of British India stamps. More than 25 feudatory states issued stamps, and new issues continue to be discovered.



Indore



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This is just a brief capsule history that touches on the major points of Indian philately into the early 20th century. It is a fascinating, historical, and philatelically diverse land, from which an extensive collection can be created with a historical focus or a topical focus – all for a small cost.

Concrete Arrows point the way

Tom Lowe and Tom Broadhead

KPS member, Tom Lowe, received an e-mail recently, drawing his attention to concrete arrows that played an important role in airmail routes of the early twentieth century. To find out more about these interesting postal artifacts, do a Google search for concrete arrows, and you will find many photos and several online articles. A nice summary exists on the myth-debunking site Snopes.com. Here are some excerpts of www.snopes.com/travel/airline/arrows.asp.

In the 1920s, the U.S. Post Office began experimenting with cross-country delivery of mail by air. Before the advent of radio guidance, mail pilots picked their way along from visible landmark to visible landmark, a system that somewhat served where there were recognizable geological or manmade features to be guided by, but not at all in areas such as vast stretches of empty, repetitive desert.

In 1924, in recognition that its pilots needed more help finding their way, the Post Office began erecting combinations of large concrete arrows and lighted beacons along its established airmail routes. Roughly every ten miles along these paths, mail pilots would encounter 50-foot towers topped with rotating lights at whose base were 50- to 70-foot concrete foundations that from the air looked like arrows. These course lights flashed a code to identify each beacon's number.



They were used for the Contract Air Mail (CAM) routes. Have you seen one?

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Odds and Ends

During my last visit to my daughter in Memphis, she showed me a box found in her attic that contained hundreds of envelopes from the 1950's and 60's, many containing business invoices and flyers. The stamps were common ones, but I found a couple of pieces interesting.



The first had a slogan cancel asking postal patrons to report "obscene mail." I had never seen this cancel before, and found a few examples in the box.

The other example was a selvaige tab requesting consideration for mail carriers by keeping "harmful objects" out of the mails.



Times have changed, since then, and obscenity is just not of so great concern and is not monitored like it used to be. On the other hand, concerns for the safety of mail handlers and recipients has grown, with X-ray and other monitoring methods now in place for safety.

Another thought reminiscent of that time period is the November 22, 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. On that anniversary, I watched retrospective coverage on TV while putting hinges on the Kennedy memorial stamp, this issue's stamp of the month. Kennedy's death was one of the iconic tragic events of the second half of the 20th century, and was memorialized by many stamps issued throughout the world.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

As you read this column, we will have just finished a celebration of Thanksgiving and are looking forward to our annual KPS holiday dinner. Since it falls early in the month, this event usually kicks off the holiday season celebrations that dot the December calendar leading up to Christmas. It's a great way to spend a really enjoyable evening with philatelic friends. Hope you can join us on December 3!

My spouse has been after me for holiday gift suggestions and I'm zeroing in on a new Scott catalog I've wanted for at least two years. This could be the time! It seems that all stamp collectors have a perennial wish list of goodies, hopefully making our spouses' holiday shopping pretty easy. Psst . . . take advantage of the opportunity!

Although we look forward to the events of the upcoming holiday season, we might be tempted to look ahead to January and beyond as we hit the peak of the philatelic show and auction season, which features for us the Southeastern show and the APS Winter show. When you count in our KPS club activities and KnoxPex, there's plenty to keep our minds off the winter blahs.

From our home to yours, my wish for all our members is to have a very happy holiday season close to family and friends, and a prosperous and philatelically enjoyable new year.



Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 5, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 21 in attendance. There were two visitors present: Dee Dee Blane and Steve Lambson. **Tom Ringenbach** presided. Since the October meeting was the annual auction with no business, there were no minutes to review. **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report was approved. The current club accounts total \$6,971.13. Accounts receivable for recent stamp purchases by members (approximately (\$1,000 - \$1,500) are not included in this balance.

KPS is considering sponsoring a bus to Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta on January 25, 2014 if there is enough interest. Price will be about \$20.00 per person. Eleven people expressed an interest in the trip. Activities are progressing for KnoxPex 2014. Committee chairs have their assignments. Exhibits are needed.

The December club meeting will be the annual holiday party. It will be Litton's Restaurant. KPS will contribute \$10.00 to the cost of each member's meal. There will be a Saturday meeting on November 16 at the Halls library. Following the business meeting **Tom Broadhead** presented the program: *A Point of View – A Moment in Time*. This was centered around a Japanese stamp commemorating the one-year anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. As always, Tom's presentation was both informative and entertaining.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting – November 5, 2013

The Knoxville Philatelic Society officers and directors convened for the quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. **Tom Ringenbach** presided.

Planning for KnoxPex 2014 was led by KnoxPex chair **Charlie Wade**. Committee leaders have their assignments. **Tom Broadhead** has started publicity. **Thomas Lane** will investigate having a "Stamps in the Attic" evaluation service. KnoxPex ads in *Linn's* have been budgeted at \$50, but with additional placements expected expenditure this year will be \$150. There was discussion for an incentive for exhibits. KPS will invite other philatelic organizations to utilize KnoxPex as a forum for their club meetings.

Due to work requirements, **Gary Santini** will be unable to continue as a board member. **Bruce Roberts** was selected as a replacement to fill out the remainder of Gary's term. KPS will consider sponsoring a bus to Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta on January 25, 2014 if there is enough interest. Price will be approximately \$20.00 per person. (continued on page 4)

Dues Reminder!

Dues are payable by December 31 to get the 20% discount. Check the renewal form in the November KPS News.

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February 4 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA. Final preparation for KnoxPex 2014.

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the Kennedy memorial issue (Scott 1246), issued on May 29, 1964. Only Presidents of the United States may have their images on stamps less than the five years required for others. In September 2011, the USPS proposed that living people be eligible to appear on stamps, but that idea has not been put into effect.



Bergedorf Stamps & Forgeries – 1st Stamp, 2nd Issue

By Randy Haese

The northern German town of Bergedorf is now a suburb of Hamburg, but from 1861-1867, it issued its own postage stamps – just 5 denominations with a similar design, but different ink, paper colors and stamp sizes. The Scott catalog lists just the five stamps, but also has a description of the more abundant reprints. The German language Michel catalog offers much more detail. Do you really KNOW what you have in your Bergedorf collection? I wish I did(n't)!!

I recently won a forgeries study lot at auction that had more documentation. An attempt has been made here to correct and augment that study. All forgery descriptions under the category of “Others” and some of the description detail (especially “Genuine”) are my interpretations (and could be wrong!), and all stamps depicted are currently in my collection. I admit that I never previously collected the stamps of Bergedorf.

½ Shilling – Second issue, November 10th, 1861



Genuine: Lithographed in dull black on pale Prussian-blue wove paper. Features are the same as for the ½ Shilling of the 1st issue. There are 55 evenly spaced linked rings. Two rings, one located below the 2nd “E” of “BERGEDORF” and the other located on the right side opposite the right leg of the “A” of “Halber,” have a distinct small dot. Eight “balls” outside the ring circle are ornaments oriented southeast, except for the one below the “ER”, which is oriented due south. All of the ornaments lightly touch the rings, and more heavily touch the frame, except for the one below the upper left corner letter “L.” Each “E” of “BERGEDORF” is well formed with the second “E” having a longer base leg. The eagle’s tail is shaped like an upright football and is shaded with three lines bowed to the left. The rightmost

is actually two feathers partly obscured by the castle wall. The two longest feathers touch the posthorn. The upper half of the shield is shaded with four, thin lines that do not touch the frame of the shield. The lower half of the shield has five thick vertical lines. The eagle’s beak is strongly hooked and there are two lines of background between the point of the beak and the nearest part of the wing. The beak touches the nearest background line at the line’s wavy point. The other background line is short and close to the top of the wing. The posthorn is well formed and shaded with thin black lines. There are shading lines around the rim of the horn opening, both on the near rim and on the inner portion of the far rim.

Reprints: A black dot is in the upper part of the right branch of the “N” in “Ein”. The upper part of the shield is blank or almost blank. The horizontal line of the “H” in “Halber” is generally defective. Otherwise there are similarities to the originals.



“Other” forgery shown here for comparison with genuine at left.

Forgeries: There are four recognized types of forgeries, the first being most dangerous with 55 interlocking rings, but with features, such as the left turret lower than the right, the ornament left of the G in Schilling does not touch the rings, and additional details. Fewer rings are found in the second (47), third (45), and fourth (45) forgeries, and they exhibit differences in paper color and paper quality.

Other forgeries, which show poor print quality (shown above), have some similarities to reprints.

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They have 55 rings, the eagle's head is devoid of shading, have a white space between the eagle's knee and the wing nearest the hip, have a black dot in the right leg on the "N" as have the reprints, and the upper right-hand fraction's "2" tail curves upward and is squared-off. In some the "S" of "Postmarke" is too short; right leg of "R" of "Halber" bent inward; numerical values touch frame; eagle's beak has extreme hook, eagles face is misshapen. Some also have the dot in the circle adjacent to the "A" and are missing the one under the "E". In one, the cross-bar of "H" of "Schilling" is missing, the "o" of the "R" of "Halber" is a slit rather than a circle and the paper is noticeably a brighter blue.



An example with particular poor printing quality

I can't help but wonder if they were done by the same person, maybe that person "got it right" on the fourth try and what I've shown as an "original" is really that person's work also?

(continued from p. 2) – **KPS Board Minutes**

Thomas Lane proposed KPS make an additional contribution to the APS to reach a \$250 annual contribution amount. The board decided not to take such action. A motion was approved to allow the KPS buying team (**Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, Bob Smith**) to have standing authority to purchase up to \$1,000 in stamps for the club inventory without further board approval. **Thomas Lane** reviewed the rental renewal agreement with the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church. No major changes have been made to the prior agreement.

Submitted by:

Charlie Wade, Secretary

Diminishing Members in Stamp Societies

By Jim Pettway

Two recent articles in the American Stamp Dealer and Collector (ASD&C) magazine got my attention. John Hotchner writes about the "diminishing membership of most" stamp societies. He continues by suggesting that stamp societies must "embrace the principle agent of our 'destruction: Electronics'". ASD&C editor Randy Neil agreed in part. So what is happening with membership in the KPS?

Shortly after moving to Knoxville from Mississippi, eleven years ago, I joined the KPS. There were about 40 members with about 10-15 attending meetings. Today we boast 88 members and are growing, with about 20-25 attending our monthly meetings. So what makes our club successful?

We have a core group of members who make available to the membership what they want. Bottom line is our club is a collectors club. We have stamps, and we talk stamps (maybe sports, too, from time to time). KPS invests in stamps that members buy at bargain reduced prices. And we offer the American Philatelic Society Sales circuit books from which members can make purchases.

KPS is connected electronically (reference John Hotchner's article) via the internet with a website and group email. There is the monthly Gold Award winning KPS News MAILED in a cachet envelope to each member, our show – KnoxPex, member presented stamp programs and trips to stamp events – stop me! We have not one but as many as three meetings a month, including 4 Saturday meetings a year.

Membership renewal time is upon us. Take advantage of the KPS renewal discount and mail your dues to arrive before the end of December. Thank you to our out of state members for continued support. Diminishing membership? Not at the Knoxville Philatelic Society!

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