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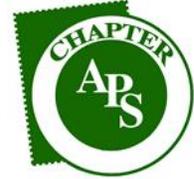
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Southeastern Stamp Expo 2018

January is the month each year when the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, (www.sefsc.org) of which KPS is a member, holds its annual event – Southeastern Stamp Expo in Norcross, GA. This is one of the largest shows in the southeast this year, attracting a wide range of dealers and exhibits. SESE is an APS World Series of Philately show, and both the multi-frame and single-frame grand award winning exhibits will compete for national Champion of Champions recognition later this year.



In addition to shopping great dealers and seeing exhibits, you will have the opportunity to meet Martin Miller, the new editor of *American Philatelist*. Martin will lead an APS Town Hall meeting, and all are invited. If you're not an APS member, come to the meeting to learn more! The theme for this year's SESE is the centennial of U.S. air mail, and Martin will be



bringing with him another attraction – the “inverted Jenny” airmail stamp (Scott C3a) from the APS collection. If you've never seen one of these philatelic gems, this is your best opportunity.



Get your 2018 philatelic year off to a great start. Come to SESE 2018 January 26-28, and don't forget the APS winter show AmeriStamp Expo in Birmingham, AL on February 23-25.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Herman Herst wrote that a collector should not be “a slave to the catalogue.” I wondered what he meant, but have come to realize that some of the most interesting foreign stamps are not listed, or mentioned, in the *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*. In fact, there are numerous stamp catalogues available, and it is best to select one that best matches your interests. There is quite a bit more information available in a specialized catalogue, and I find that using a French-language catalogue when I'm working on my France collection enhances the overall experience.

For several years my wife, Lori, and I were on a quest to find a certain overprinted stamp (pictured) that is listed in both Ceres and Yvert et Tellier catalogues but not in Scott. We eventually found one, and its story is worth retelling.

A new French battleship, the *Richelieu*, was nearing completion in 1940 when the “Phony War” suddenly turned real and Germany invaded France. To avoid capture, the ship sailed to Dakar, Senegal and served the Vichy regime, fighting off an Allied attack there. In 1943 the ship and crew switched allegiances, and she was refitted in the Brooklyn Navy Yard before joining the Royal Navy. The ship's post office issued overprinted stamps for use by her crew, and the stamps are known to have been used, with ship's cancel, before and after 1943. The black overprint reads “PAR AVION” and “BATIMENT de LIGNE RICHELIEU” within a thin border and with two tiny anchors in the lower corners.



The stamp that I eventually found is one of the commonest French stamps to be issued during World War II, but with the overprint it is pretty scarce - only 1500 issued. The *Richelieu* overprint was also applied to a few other stamps of France, Senegal, and Mauritania, but these are scarcer yet, with only a few hundred of each printed. We're still looking for one on cover, with the ship's postmark!

Bob Ceo

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 5, 2017

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 40 members in attendance. President **Bob Ceo** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, in the newsletter were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of November, the club had cash assets of \$13,012. Receipts for the month were \$3,483, and expenses were \$2,383, for a net cash inflow of \$1,100. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Bruce Roberts, acting KnoxPEX 2018 chair, announced that Kelleher Stamp Auctions, the sponsor for our show, will present two seminars about "how to sell your stamps." **Bob Ceo** led a discussion concerning liability insurance for KnoxPEX. **Thomas Lane** has obtained a quote, and action was deferred for additional information.

Bruce Roberts offered to accept want lists for KPS inventory items in the "small red boxes" (catalogue value of \$1.00 to \$4.95) from members who attend meetings seldom or not at all. The "nickel stamp" coordinator, **Wes Hayes**, called for donations of stock sheets to assist with this part of the KPS inventory.

The 2018 budget was presented by **Thomas Lane** and approved unanimously. Per discussion, checks for the

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January bus trip to Southeastern Stamp Expo will be accepted at the party this Saturday or mailed to KPS by December 15. A minimum of twenty reservations is required for the trip to go.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40, and **Tom Broadhead** gave the program - "Teaching a College Course About Stamps" related to his recent UT honors course of 17 honors program students.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

KPS Holiday Party

KPS members gathered at Swifty's Atomic Bar & Grill in Oak Ridge on December 9 for the annual lunch and gift exchange. Thanks go to **Bruce Roberts** for the photos.



Jim Pettway was the recipient of a box of meter strips in the gift exchange, while Lori Williams and Dave Anderson observed – maybe it will be a new collecting topic.

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Upcoming Events

Keep your 2018 KPS calendar, created by **Jim Pettway** and included in the November KPS News, handy for next year's meetings and events. If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Dave Anderson**, know.

January 2 – KPS monthly meeting. Program – "Looking forward, looking back" – by **John Smartt**

January 20 – KPS Saturday meeting

January 26-28 – Southeastern Stamp Expo – Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, Georgia 30092



Stamp of the Month

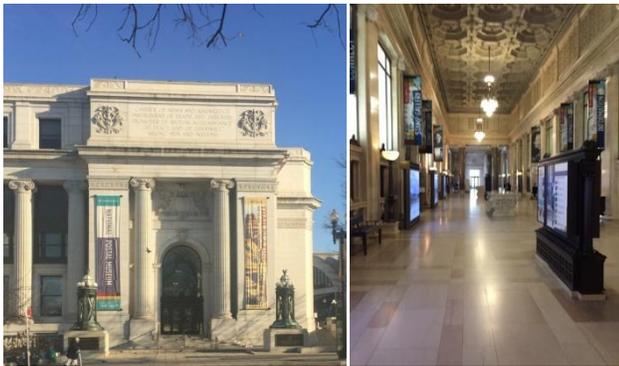
This month's stamp, coinciding with the U.S. airmail centennial celebrations at both the Southeastern Stamp Expo and KnoxPEX 2018 is the 15 cent bright blue green airmail stamp (Scott C35) issued in 1947. The design shows a Lockheed Constellation flying over New York City. These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

A Trip to the NPM

By Tom Broadhead

Mid-December seemed to be a good time to take off a couple of days from work and visit our nation's capitol. My number one goal was the new African American History Museum, but what philatelist can resist a visit to the NPM – the National Postal Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution.

I remember, decades ago, when the postal collection in vertical, pull-out frames, occupied a corner in the Museum of American History. Now, deservedly, it has its own museum.



The main entrance to the museum (left), which occupies the former Old City Post Office building, and the entry level hall (right).

The building still contains an active, full service post office, and I was delighted to see its operating hours (below). All day Sunday! It gave me the opportunity to get some stamps and mail a few postcard souvenirs to myself and to KPS.



Exhibits on the hall level are located in the Bill Gross Gallery and show classics of U.S. and world philately. Wonderfully, the unique and fabled British Guiana one penny stamp is on exhibit – in a case where it can be viewed from the front and also from the back, where many of its owners have signed or applied their distinctive markings.

Beyond that and down a level is the great hall, a several story high atrium with generations of forms of mail delivery. In recognition of our upcoming show, KnoxPEX 2018, which celebrates the centennial of U.S. air mail, I had to take a photo (above at right) showing a de Havilland DH-4B, a workhorse of the postal service until the mid 1920's.

It was contemporaneous with the Curtis Jenny, and a block of four of the Jenny inverted plane stamp (Scott C3a) is also on display in the Bill Gross Gallery.



A de Havilland biplane hangs in the NPM and has the distinctive radiator grill and wooden propeller seen on the 1923 U.S. air mail stamp (Scott C4).

I mailed a few postcards at the post office and at the postal station at the NPM. I used the new African American History Museum stamp, commemorating the Smithsonian's newest museum (an entire day spent there), and received interesting and different cancels on both.



The post office cancel shows the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and Capitol, with Santa and his reindeer flying over, wishing everyone Happy Holidays. As is usual, the inkjet cancel was a little smudgy.



The NPM station used a nice, neat handstamp showing a rose and promoting the "Beautiful Blooms" stamps issued earlier in the year.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 2

KPS Holiday Party – continued from page 2.



Charlie Javier had just retrieved his gift – an attractive bottled beverage – while **Jim Pettway** took pictures, and **Dave Warfel** (foreground) patiently waited his turn.



The long table, with KPS president **Bob Ceo** at the head, had plenty of time to chat while they waited for their food.



Hugh Russell got a *United States Postal History Sampler*, by Richard Graham, but it made the rounds during the “Dirty Santa” gift exchange.



Nick Stone (left) made a plea for guesses for the Golden Tongs challenge, and **Rich Kaplan** (right) was first with the correct answer. Details are forthcoming next month.



KPS Membership Grew in 2017

by Jim Pettway

In 2017, KPS saw record growth and a record number of Society members. At year end, KPS recorded 151 members compared to 120 in 2016, a growth of 25.8%. Tennessee and 16 other states made up the KPS membership in 2017, and one member lives in Denmark. I want to add that, not only was membership a record, but meeting attendance has grown by about 25-30%.

As of the third week in December more than one hundred 2017 members had renewed their KPS membership for 2018. The KPS is on its way to matching the 2017 membership. If you haven't sent in your 2018 renewal application and dues payment of \$15.00, please do so today.

KPS Books in APS Circuit Sales

By Bruce Roberts

Stamp Acquisition Committee members **Mike Downs**, **Karen Setzfand**, and **Ray Simko** worked this year to assemble 50 books for the American Philatelic Society's circuit sales program. The catalog value of the books is a whopping \$41,549, and the retail prices are an affordable approximately \$7,500. In 2017, APS circuit sales were a significant contributor to the KPS stamp purchase budget.

New Postal Rates!

By Tom Broadhead

The cost of mailing increases for most types of mail on January 1. A 1 ounce letter rises from \$0.49 to \$0.50, and a postcard increases from \$0.34 to \$0.35. Buy some stamps by the end of the year to be “Penny Wise.”

Stamp Collecting Workshops

By Jim Pettway

The first workshop will be at 6:30, January 2. Let's look at different types of tongs and how to use them. It's not just pinch and grab!



KnoxPEX 2018 is March 3-4. Mark your calendar!

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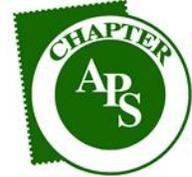
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Get Ready for KnoxPEX 2018!

It is that time of the year to make final preparations for KnoxPEX, our annual stamp show. **Bruce Roberts** is show chair and bourse chair. He has a great assembly of dealers ready for you to shop. **Bob Ceo** is in charge of the auction, and **Gerald Schroedl** will be assembling the auction catalog. A paper copy of the auction lot form is included with this newsletter, but you are strongly encouraged to submit your list of lots by email – as an excel file (preferred) or word document. Both formats have been emailed to members.

The theme for this year's show is the 100th anniversary of U.S. airmail. **Ralph Dinwiddie** has designed a great postal cancel (see page 4) and a cachet. The stamps (below) on the show cachets represent U.S. airmail past (Scott C32) and future (one of the stamps from Scott C122-125) that together make the new (January 21, 2018) first class letter rate of \$0.50.



A special treat at the show will be talks given by David Coogle from Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions about estate planning. There will be two different times on Saturday afternoon, so the bourse doesn't vacate at once! Thanks to **Bob Smith**, who arranged the corporate sponsorship of our show by the Kelleher firm.

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President's Column

During our trip to Italy in 2015, we wanted to send postcards home to friends. It wasn't as simple as it sounds...

We walked to the post office in Giardini Naxos one day, but it was closed. We came back the next day, waited in line, but were told that stamps were not for sale at the post office. I was told to buy them at the tobacco shop. We went there and asked Signora if she had any postage stamps. "How many would I like?" she wanted to know. I asked her what the post card rate to Stati Uniti was, so she consulted her table. The rates were listed for Italy and for within the EU, but no other rate information was available. We bought no stamps.

A few days later, we visited the post office in Metaponto, and we were again told that stamps were not available. The clerk offered to apply meter strips, but I explained that it would be shocking for a philatelist to do so. He told me to go to the tobacco store.

There, we asked Signora if she had any postage stamps. "How many would I like?" Lori and I had pondered this since Sicily, and decided that the postage shouldn't be more than three times the EU rate. We put three € 0.80 stamps (about \$3.12 then) on each post card.



We were a little hesitant to put on extra postage – after all, we didn't want the post cards to go too far!

Lori had found a racy post card in Pompeii and wanted to send it to a friend as a joke. Before we mailed it, we put the post card in an envelope rather than shock some stuffy censor. She kept the post card, but gave Lori the envelope that enclosed it.

Bob Ceo

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 2, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 38 members in attendance. President **Bob Ceo** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, in the newsletter were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of December, the club had cash assets of \$12,362. Receipts for the month were \$3,288, and expenses were \$3,938, for a net cash outflow of \$650. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Don Ashley presented a resolution to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, proposing a stamp to honor Tennessee Ernie Ford as part of the "Music Icons" series. The resolution, previously adopted by the Holston Stamp Club, was approved unanimously by KPS members present.

Bruce Roberts called for all members to attend KnoxPEX, as well as assist with the many needed volunteer tasks (see page 4). KnoxPEX 2018 exhibits chair, **Tom Ringenbach**, asked for exhibit proposals.

Lakeside Tavern at Concord Park in Knoxville was selected as the site for the 2018 December holiday lunch. There was insufficient interest to support chartering a bus to take KPS members to the Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta.

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Prior to the meeting, **Jim Pettway** held his first collecting workshop: tongs, hinges, and mounts. The meeting adjourned at 7:56, and **John Smartt** led a discussion, "Looking Forward, Looking Back," regarding members' accomplishments in 2017 and philatelic goals for 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

A Philatelic Tree

By Lori Williams



As a volunteer at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, I suggested deco-rating its holiday tree. Children placed their names on strips of paper, which formed a garland of loops. I contributed individual ornaments made from holiday stamps, which were hung by both adults and children. Although I had been collecting these stamps for several months, I added more from the KPS nickel books. Themes were both secular and

religious – appealing to all audiences.

One day I stopped at the museum to drop off ornaments. A child at a table asked, "What are we supposed to do with the stamps?" It heartened me that the child even knew about stamps. Our hobby may not be dead yet!

Upcoming Events

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February 6 – KPS monthly meeting. Program – preparing for KnoxPEX 2018. KPS board meeting at 6:00

February 17 – KPS Saturday meeting, place and time Shannondale Community Center in Maryville, 10-1

March 3-4 – **KnoxPEX 2018** – Holiday Inn Knoxville West-Cedar Bluff, 9134 Executive Park Dr., Knoxville, TN 37923. Saturday 10-5, live auction at 6. Sunday 10-3.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp, coinciding with the KnoxPEX theme is the 7 cent blue airmail stamp (Scott C51) issued in 1958. It shows the silhouette of a jet airliner.

These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

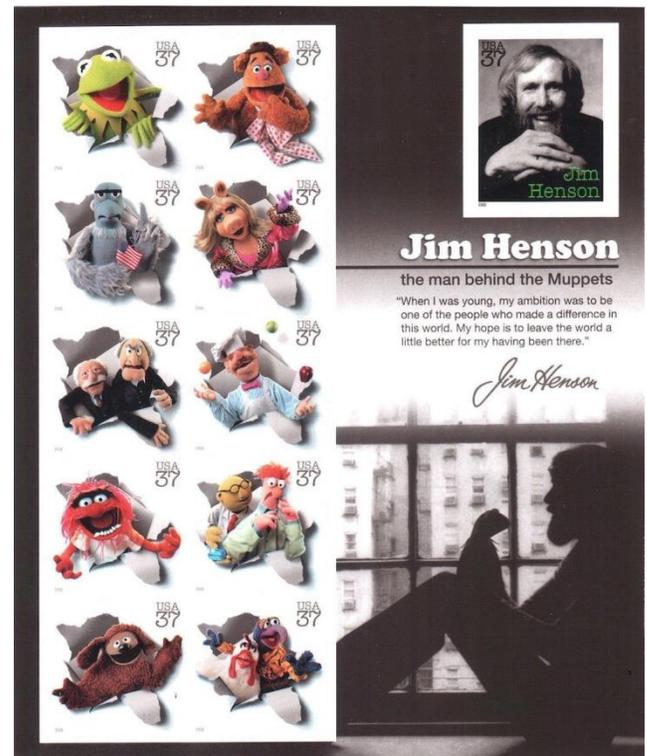
Meeting Jim

By Stu Hanlein

In the fall of 1953 I started high school as a sophomore at Northwestern Senior High School in Hyattsville, MD. Having been involved in several junior high dramatic efforts, I auditioned for the lead role in the sophomore class production of ELMER, which few people have ever heard of, and I got the part.

My objective soon was to become a member of the National Thespian Society, the high school honorary dramatics club. To do this you had to participate in all aspects of theater, earn a fixed number of points, and be voted in by the membership. For me, this goal was even more challenging. I had to do it in one school year, as I would transfer to a new school for my next two years. Having the leading role in a production met half of my requirements, but the path to success narrowed as there were no other sophomore productions. The solution was to volunteer to work on the stage crew for other events, and my first job was on the stage crew for other class plays. I was given a bucket of yellow paint and a roller on the end of a pole and asked to paint some huge flats. Once the flats were painted, I awaited the final touches, and that's when I met Jim, a tall, slim upperclassman with a friendly smile. He walked up with a pallet of paint, a yardstick, and a paintbrush. In less than an hour he had transformed our flats into the main setting for the production. I was impressed with his talent and speed and became involved with every class play painting flats, with Jim doing his art work masterfully.

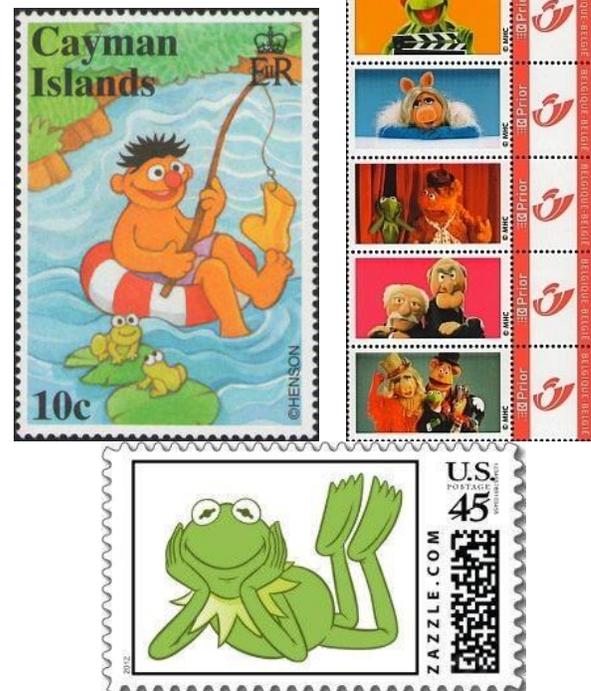
I still needed more points, and Jim asked me to help with a fund raising event for the drama club – we had to pay for the flats and paint. The fund raiser was providing entertainment at a birthday party for the family of one of our drama club members, and we were offered \$20.00. The production, Jim said, would be a puppet show, and he had all the equipment we would need. We arrived at the party, and all was set up for the puppet show. Next thing I knew, I was lying on my back with my hands operating the puppets. Jim had attached strings to their hands and he manipulated them from above, while I was moving them around the stage. I had never done this before but as he said, just move around, and I'll do the rest – and he did. I am sure that his ideas were all ready forming on a technique that he later used when he introduced the “Muppets” to the TV world. By this time you all know, I was fortunate to have known JIM HENSON of Sesame Street fame!



Jim Henson and the Muppets are honored on a 2005 U.S. sheet of stamps (above) (Scott 3944; Jim is on 3944k.)

By the way, I was elected into the National Thespian Society and became the charter president when we established a chapter of the society at High Point High School the next year.

[Editor's note: stamps, including U.S. photo stamps, have been issued depicting images of the Muppets. Use of their images is covered by U.S. copyright law. Cayman Islands (Sc 793), Belgium (Sc 2055)]



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 6

KnoxPEX 2018 – March 3-4

By Tom Broadhead

Get ready to shop our dealers, buy and sell at the auction and volunteer to help at our annual stamp show.

Bob Smith, on leave as show chair while he is working for FEMA to help victims of Hurricane Harvey, engaged our first corporate sponsor – Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC of Danbury, CT.



The Kelleher company is not only one of the top auction firms in the U.S., but it provides other benefits to collectors, including a magazine, the *Stamp Collector's Quarterly*. Learn much more at <http://db.kelleherauctions.com/php/home.php>.

At KnoxPEX, Kelleher representative David Coogle will be presenting talks on "Estate Planning" at 2:00 and 3:00, free and open to the public.

Bruce Roberts is doing double duty as show chair and bourse chair. You will see some welcome familiar names, plus some new ones at this year's show. (* - KPS member)

*Robert Barger – Robert Barger Stamps
Georgetown, TN

Fred Brafford – F.A. Stamps
Shalimar, FL

Jim Butler – Jim Butler Stamps
Portland, TN

*Jared Cassidy – Jared Cassidy Stamps
Huntsville, AL

David Coogle – Daniel F. Kelleher, LLC
Danbury, CT

Tony Crumbly – Carolina Stamp & Coin
Charlotte, NC

*Len Curtis – Collect 'em All
Alpharetta, GA

Dutch Country Auctions
Wilmington, DE

Kurt Harding – Stamp Center of Texas
Boerne, TX

*Don Richter – Richter Stamp Co.
Athens, OH

Dale and Andrea Smith – Stamp Smith
Kansas City, MO

Bill Vance – B&W Stamp Co.
Joelton, TN

Ralph Dinwiddie has created a beautiful postal cancel (below) for our show cachets, which he is designing. The two stamps, which make up the required \$0.50 first class letter postage, are shown here on page 1.



We look forward to a spirited live auction on March 3. Enclosed is a copy of the auction lot form. If at all possible, however, please submit your lots on the interactive Excel or Word forms that were emailed to you. **Gerald Schroedl** is compiling the auction catalog, and **Bob Ceo** is the new auction manager.

If you have not already let **Tom Ringenbach** know that you plan to exhibit – please do so. We already have some great air mail related exhibits lined up.

Volunteers are always needed, and if you didn't already sign up to help, please let **Bruce Roberts** know or sign up at the show. Particular needs are at the registration table and the auction area. Auction lot watchers are needed all day on Saturday, and runners are needed Saturday night during the live auction. Set up on Friday evening and take down on Sunday afternoon always need extra hands!



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And the Winner Is!

The Golden Tong award is given to KPS members who solve philatelic puzzles or riddles posed by other members. **Bob Smith** created the first challenge, which was won by **Nick Stone**. Nick, in turn, offered one that stumped members for months!

The clue in October was “M, L, and B-M set up the L P, but who arranged the G P? Hint: 2 U.S. stamps.” An additional clue in November was that both were brown stamps. The puzzle went unsolved until the December lunch, when **Rich Kaplan** spoke up. KPS President **Bob Ceo** (below right) presented the certificate to Rich (below left) at the January KPS meeting.



The stamps: Louisiana Purchase (Scott 1020) and Gadsden Purchase (Scott 1028) (below). The answer: James Gadsden.



The tongs are passed, and now it will be Rich's turn to come up with a puzzler.

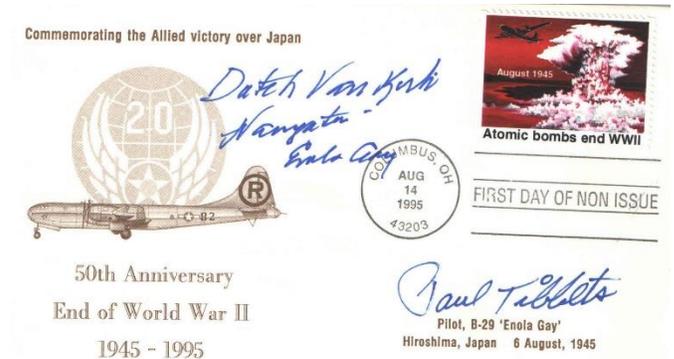
Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Several years ago, I attended an air show at the Willow Run airport in Ypsilanti, MI. The show was sponsored by a club called “The Yankee Air Force”. (For those who wonder, there is a sister club in Texas that until recently was called “The Confederate Air Force,” but is now known as The Commemorative Air Force.)

The Willow Run airport is interesting, as it was built by Henry Ford as part of the plant that built B-24 bombers during World War II. At peak production, the plant completed a new bomber every hour!

The air show was very interesting, with several old war birds on display, and rides on a beautifully restored B-17 were offered. For me, the best part was the opportunity to meet Paul Tibbets and Dutch Van Kirk, two of the crew members who flew the *Enola Gay* over Hiroshima on that day in 1945. Both men signed the cover shown here.



The cover bears a Cinderella which was originally intended for issue as one of the World War II commemorative series, but was withdrawn in response to a formal protest by the Japanese government. It is canceled with the sardonic motto “FIRST DAY OF NON ISSUE” and has a nice cachet showing the *Enola Gay*.

Bob Ceo

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, in the newsletter were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of January, the club had cash assets of \$14,093. Receipts were \$4561 and expenses were \$2820. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Bob Ceo reported that the KPS value of stamps stolen from the club was approximately \$1000 (\$5000 catalog). Security measures are being taken. **Thomas Lane's** proposal for liability insurance for the Board was approved for \$713. **Jim Pettway** asked about the interest in having a list of members' collecting interests. **Lori Williams** invited members to post on our Facebook page. **Mike Downs** won the White Plains sheet in the drawing at Southeastern Stamp Show. **Bruce Roberts** reviewed the needs for KnoxPEX.

KPS Board Meeting

President **Bob Ceo** called the meeting to order at 6:10. **Bruce Roberts** discussed the problem with theft from KPS stock – estimated at \$1000 – and ideas were discussed to minimize such losses. Creative ideas for the use of cash on hand, in addition to buying new stock, were discussed. Publication of a membership list was also discussed

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Thomas Lane presented reports that officers insurance coverage would be approximately for \$750 per year. He also proposed that the club purchase liability insurance for KPS meetings and for KnoxPEX was approved for up to \$350 per year. This was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Anderson, interim secretary

Southeastern Stamp Expo

By Tom Broadhead

An enthusiastic group of KPS members attended the Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta at the end of January.



KPS members at the show (left-right): **Tom Ringenbach, Bruce Roberts, Dave Warfel, Barbara Steverson, Luke Wilder, Brian Steverson, Jim Pettway, Gerald Schroedl, Mike Downs, Thomas Lane, Carol Downs, Len Curtis, Tom Broadhead.**

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April 3 – KPS monthly meeting. Program – what I found at KnoxPEX.

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Election of officers. Executive Board meeting at 6:00.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp, is a precancel from Canada, Scott 104, issued in 1911. The design shows King George V in profile and uniform. The design is known as an "admiral."

These stamps are a gift from **Dan Hubbard**.

Post-Spanish American War Patriotic Covers - Camp John S. Poland, Knoxville, TN

By Steve Swain

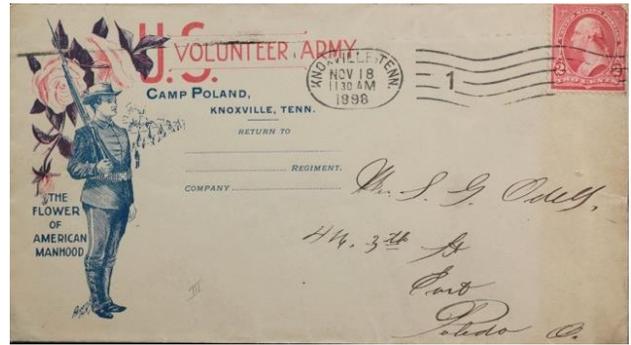
At the January Southeastern Stamp Expo, I provided a presentation at the annual meeting of the Georgia Postal History Society highlighting the postal history associated with Camp Thomas, Georgia during the 1898 Spanish-American War. A subject in the presentation was the extreme overcrowding at Camp Thomas, which accommodated approximately 80,000 soldiers. In discussions with Society members after the presentation, I learned that Camp Poland in Knoxville was established specifically to address the Camp Thomas overcrowding. With my interest piqued as to the postal history associated with Camp Poland, I began my research. For those of us that collect patriotic covers, that research quickly revealed an interesting aspect related to Camp Poland.

Originally named for General John T. Wilder, a U.S. Civil War Union General who fought at the battle of Chickamauga, the Knoxville camp was renamed for Brigadier General John S. Poland, who died August 8, 1898 of fever contracted at Camp Thomas. Camp Poland was officially established on August 21, 1898, with the first divisions moving from Camp Thomas to Camp Poland beginning about August 22.

It is important to note that the brief and one-sided Spanish-American War came to an end on August 12 when an armistice was signed between Spain and the United States. On December 10, the Treaty of Paris officially ended the Spanish-American War. As such, the postal history associated with Camp Poland – especially the patriotic covers – were post-war items. The typical reason for the use of patriotic covers was to express support for the war effort. But the covers used by soldiers at Camp Poland simply served as vehicles to correspond with family and friends back home. A most interesting collecting theme.

Presented here are several Camp Poland patriotic covers. Promoting the U.S. soldier as “The Flower of American Manhood” is the cachet on a November 18 cover (top at right). An image of the American flag is the simple message on an October 30 cover (middle at right). And, with an arguably

semi-patriotic image, the cachet on an October 24 cover (below at bottom) displays the American flag, but also shows a soldier reading the paper and lamenting, “I want to go home”!



November 18, 1898



October 30, 1898



October 24, 1898

[Editor's note: More information about the history of Camp John S. Poland can be found at [www.fortwiki.com/Camp John S. Poland](http://www.fortwiki.com/Camp_John_S._Poland).



The satellite photo at left from that page shows that it was located at the present site of Holston Gases – on the east side of I-75 between Baxter and Woodland avenues.]

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Southeastern Stamp Expo

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APS President and KPS member, **Mick Zais** exhibited covers of the 1937 West Point (his alma mater) stamp in the Court of Honor (left). **Tom Broadhead** won the single frame Grand Award for his exhibit of French balloon mail postcards of 1870-1871 (right).

also gave out information about KPS and our upcoming KnoxPEX. A man who was at the Festival with the group Vikings of Norway, came by and talked to us before the festival opened and came back multiple times during the day.



Wes Hayes and daughter pour over a table full of stamps.



Bruce Roberts volunteered at the APS Stamp Explorers Table (left), and **Steve Daunt** won a door prize.



Bob Ceo (left) and **Nick Stone** (right) helped visitors at the CMOR International Festival.

Oak Ridge Museum International Festival

By Lori Williams

Last year when the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge was setting up their annual International Festival, I said "What could be more international than postage stamps?" They agreed to let me set up a stamp activity. It went well and CMOR was happy to have us back again this year. A big thank you goes to **Bob Ceo**, **Nick Stone**, and **Wes Hayes** who came to help. Wes brought his daughter for the final hours of the festival.

There was a lot of interest in stamps, and we hope to offer this activity again in the future. We



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KnoxPEX Notes

Another successful KnoxPEX was held on March 3-4, and there were several distinctions about this year's show. Here are just a couple, and more are in **Bruce Roberts's** report and the numbers provided by **Jim Pettway** and **Thomas Lane**.

Two years ago, **Vera Felts**, American Topical Association Executive Director and KPS member gave a talk on topical collecting. This year, **Randy Neil**, former APS president and the managing editor and designer of *Kelleher's Stamp Collector's Quarterly* was a guest speaker. **Bob Smith** had engaged Daniel L. Kelleher Auctions LLC as a sponsor for our show, and when Kelleher Co-Chairman David Coogler was trapped by the blizzard in Connecticut, Randy presented the talks on "Selling Your Collection," in addition to his featured talk on "Six Gems of Confederate Philately that Didn't Cost an Arm and a Leg." At the March KPS meeting, there was talk about continuing to have featured speakers at future KnoxPEX shows.

Overall, the show went smoothly, with a recent record attendance and a highly successful live auction. Photos



and details are in this newsletter. It appears to have been fun for all, even with all the work that went into the show. There is always time and place for humor and creativity, and **Bob Ceo** and **Tom Broadhead** showed off their philatelic socks.

More details about KnoxPEX 2018 and photos are the feature this month. And, it's time to start thinking about a theme for KnoxPEX 2019. Maybe our club member, **Jean Byrne's** 100th birthday!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Before moving to Harriman, TN, we lived in New Mexico in what was known locally as the East Mountains, on the other side of Sandia Mountain from Albuquerque. We spent many hours hiking that mountain and enjoyed a total solar eclipse on its summit ridge. Our mailing address was Sandia Park, but the area is unincorporated, and it shares a post office (and zip code!) with neighboring San Antonio.

One day, my friend Joe surprised me with a cover that had been mailed from the Sandia Crest souvenir shop. It was a great gift for several reasons. The cover has a triangular Sandia Crest Local Delivery stamp with a private, arrow-shaped cancel, a US commemorative stamp, and a 1956 Albuquerque CDS. This was the first I knew about the local post that had operated in our neighborhood.



Many years ago, a man named Robert S. Smolich operated a local post at the Crest. He accepted custody of letters and souvenirs and delivered them to the post office in Sandia Park or sometimes in Albuquerque where correct postage was added so they could join the regular mail. He charged a nominal fee for the service and affixed a local post stamp to show that the fee had been paid.

The service was reportedly operated from 1956 through 1961, and at least two different local stamps were used.

Bob Ceo

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 6, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 24 members and one guest present. Vice President **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the February meeting were temporarily missing, so there was no vote to approve. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of February, 2018, the club had cash assets of \$13,351. Receipts for the month were \$2,747, and expenses were \$3,489, for a net cash outflow of \$742. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Jim Pettway, membership chair, reported that nine new members joined at KnoxPEX last weekend. **Bruce Roberts** announced a workday at his home for those interested in helping the Stamp Acquisition Committee on March 8. Bruce noted that new collections had been purchased at the recent Atlanta and Birmingham shows.

The program was a discussion led by KnoxPEX 2018 chair, **Bruce Roberts**. Members were encouraged to share their experiences and impressions of the show, and **Jim Pettway** reported that show registration was a healthy 168, including 97 KPS member/day visits. **Thomas Lane** reported that gross sales at the auction exceeded \$7,300. Tom Broadhead mentioned publicity and successful cachet sales.

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Several additional matters were noted for change and/or improvement next year.

Adjournment at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Golden Tongs Challenge

Presented by Rich Kaplan

"Which 20th and 21st Century stamp issuing entity has likely already issued its last stamp?"



The challenge has already been sent out in the electronic version of this newsletter. Email **Tom Broadhead** your answers – tomwb50@aol.com. Remember that the wise winner also gets to pose the next Golden Tongs question!

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May 1 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.
Election of officers. Executive Board meeting at 6:00.

May 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Swap and shop.

June 5 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.
Installation of new officers.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp, is a 16 stotinki denomination of Bulgaria, Scott 1038, issued in 1959. It is part of a five-stamp set commemorating the 4th Anniversary of the Congress of Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth and shows boy and girl laborers. The stamps have original gum but were Cancelled to Order (CTO) by the

government for sale to collectors.

These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

KnoxPEX 2018 – a Really Big Show!

By Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, Jim Pettway.
Photos by Tom Broadhead

The KPS annual stamp show, KnoxPEX, opened its doors at 10 am, Saturday, March 3. By all measures, it was a successful event.



The registration table was busy both days (**Paul Hager** and **Mike Downs** working the early hours (above), and separate forms for KPS members and non-members kept the crowd moving in swiftly.

The 13-dealer bourse (below) was full of dedicated philatelic buyers, and bourse chair, **Bruce Roberts** was able to find last minute dealer replacements when needed.



A highlight of the show was the talk on Confederate Philately by **Randy Neil** (see page 1) and his presentations about how to sell your stamp collection.

The annual live auction attracted 264 lots from KPS members and bourse dealers. Lot viewing was continuous from show opening until the 6 pm start (below).



Auctioneers **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead** worked steadily through the great lots in a little more than two hours with bidders galore (below).



Lots sold numbered 214, with 17 being lots of KPS material. **Thomas Lane** and **Barbara Steverson** kept track of bids, and gross sales hit \$7394.10. Including commissions and the sale of KPS lots, the club netted \$1355.10, with \$6039 going to the happy sellers.

Randy Haese organized several tables (below) with materials to give to beginning collectors.



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KnoxPEX 2018

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Tom Ringenbach mustered up a group of excellent exhibits, filling 10 frames. **Thomas Lane's** exhibit, "It Didn't Arrive Intact!" (below), featured crash and disaster covers that at least partly survived a rough trim through the mails, and was the winner of the most popular exhibit award.



The final word on the show was a good attendance of 168, including 97 KPS members. **Jim Pettway** also reported 9 new members, bringing our membership total to 154. We had 70 serviced cachets (below), with the envelope and cancel designed by **Ralph Dinwiddie**, and they sold out on Saturday afternoon. Dealers seem to have been pleased with their sales, and **Bruce Roberts** already has 7 signed contracts for next year!



It is only a year away, but planning starts now for KnoxPEX 2019. We anticipate that **Bob Smith** will be back as show chair. Share your suggestions!

Stamp Workshops

By Tom Broadhead

In January, **Jim Pettway** started a new program for KPS members – a collecting workshop. The goal has been to share information and discuss a wide range of topics related to collecting and the handling of stamps. At January's meeting, Jim kicked off the series with a well-attended, premeeting session about tongs and the careful handling of stamps.

The topic in March was measuring perforations, and Jim brought several types of perforation gauges, which members were able to compare and discuss the relative merits and problems (below).



Jim Pettway (top left) answers a question from **Brian Steverson** at the March collecting workshop.

ATA Connections

by Tom Broadhead

Vera Velts, American Topical Association Executive Director is a KPS member, and ATA President, Dale Smith was a dealer at KnoxPEX 2018. Now, KPS members **Carol Costa** and **Tom Broadhead** are candidates for Directors in upcoming ATA elections. Learn more about ATA at <http://americantopicalassn.org>.



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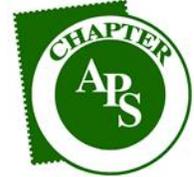
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The Spring and Summer Ahead

The weather in Knoxville is still, typically, unsettled, but after snow flurries in mid April, the cold seems to have passed. Now it's time to plan all sorts of philatelic activities for the seasons ahead.

Don't miss the Holston Stamp Club's annual show – HOLPEX 2018 – May 11-12. This is a great show, and only a little more than an hour drive from Knoxville to Johnson City. If you plan to only visit one other club show (other than KnoxPEX) this year, this is the one.



In other Holston Stamp Club news, the KPS has endorsed the HSC proposal to have a US postage stamp issued in honor of Tennessee Ernie Ford (left). Ford was born in Bristol, TN and was a popular singer in the mid-twentieth century. The

process of approval for a stamp is approximately three years, so start preparing those cachets!

August brings us a big double – StampShow, the annual show of the American Philatelic Society **and** the National Topical Stamp Show, the annual show of the American Topical Association – held together in Columbus, OH, August 9-12. See more information at <https://stamps.org/STAMPSHOW-SS>. This is just a few hours drive north from Knoxville and will probably be the largest show in the US, since the New York international show of 2016. A schedule of events is in the works for the show, and I have put in a proposal to give a talk about giving a college seminar on stamps!



Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Recently I found an old stamp (Prince Edward Island, Scott 12) that had been stuck to an album page for many years. The stamp was uncanceled and was likely stuck down with its own gum. The glue had discolored and was beginning to stain the perforation tips.

To prevent further deterioration of the stamp, I soaked it in warm water for about fifteen minutes.



When the stamp finally floated free of its backing, alas! its corner floated off in a different direction. I carefully rinsed both pieces and allowed them to dry. To re-attach the torn corner piece, I brushed a tiny bead of glue (Titebond white) along the broken edge and fitted the two pieces together. The corner did not exactly match the centering of the image and perforations, and there is an odd thin line around the corner of the design, as you can see. I didn't achieve perfect alignment, but in my opinion the repaired stamp has been stabilized and is much more attractive than it was before. The repair was duly noted in my inventory spreadsheet.

I share this because I am interested in others' opinions about long-term stamp preservation. I hope that KPS members will contact me about this topic, and I'd like to prepare a presentation about it for a later KPS meeting.

Bob Ceo

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 3, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 31 members and three guests present. President **Bob Ceo** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of March, 2018, the club had cash assets of \$14,113. Receipts for the month were \$ 12,222, outgo was \$11,461, for a net cash inflow of \$761. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Bob Ceo announced that election of officers would be held at the May meeting. He solicited interest of members to serve as officers. He introduced three visitors. **David Anderson**, solicited speakers for upcoming monthly meetings. **Jim Pettway** ran a pre-meeting workshop on watermarks. **Lori Williams** announced she is visiting the Oak Ridge Childrens' Museum monthly to serve as a resource and would appreciate volunteers.

Bruce Roberts noted that KnoxPEX attendance was the highest in at least a decade. Preliminarily, net income of the event was approximately \$2,400 so dealers resigning for next year's event are being given a discount off table fees. He also noted that the Stamp Acquisition

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Committee had a workday recently in connection with the Holston Stamp Club.

Jim Pettway announced that he continues to work with the knoxstamps.com website. **Tom Broadhead** took pictures for *Linn's Stamp News* with the theme, "what goes on at a KPS meeting?" He called for themes for KnoxPEX 2019. **Dave Warfel** announced that the APS has summer seminars, had attended previous ones and recommended them, held at the APS headquarters in Bellefonte, PA.

The Penny Black giveaway was won by **Butch Munill**. Program: Members described their finds at KnoxPEX 2018.

Adjournment at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Pre-Meeting Workshops

By Jim Pettway

For the May Stamp Collecting Workshop I think we will look at the different types of magnifiers and ways to view stamps. Bring your magnifier and share with the group how and in what cases you use it.

Do not think for a minute that these workshops are just for beginners. Many of those advanced collectors who have been participating have taken away something from the workshop. So come to the workshop, participate and at least share your experiences and tips with others. The Stamp Collecting Workshop begins at 6:30, just before the regular KPS meeting.

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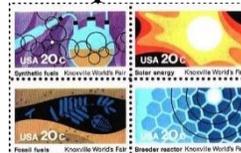
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May 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Swap and shop.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp, is one of the four se-tenant stamps issued in 1982 to commemorate the Knoxville World's Fair (Scott 2006-2009). The 20 cent stamp paid the first class rate of a domestic letter. The Knoxville World's Fair had an energy theme, and stamps (clockwise from upper left) featured synthetic fuels, solar energy, breeder reactor, and fossil fuels. These stamps are a gift from **Vera Felts**.

The Politics of Stamps? - BREXIT

By Tom Broadhead

I am intrigued by the design choices that countries make for their stamps. These are great opportunities for cultural expression and can highlight some of the latest trends in art, fashion, society, and technology. Although official postage stamps of a country are typically apolitical, enterprising citizens often create stamp-like labels or “cinderellas” to promote a political agenda.

“BREXIT” was the political movement for Britain to Exit the European Union, which supplanted a group of economic organizations, which the United Kingdom had joined in 1973. Although many EU countries adopted the euro currency, Britain was one that kept currency autonomy with the pound. British domestic concerns about weak economies of some EU members and freedom of migration led to the movement to withdraw from the EU.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Communities
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brexit>

The UK referendum of June 23, 2016, produced a vote of 51.9% in favor of withdrawal from 72.2% of voters. The government proceeded to begin the process with an official notification on March 29, 2017. The exit will be completed next year, March 29, 2019.

With almost half of the electorate opposing BREXIT, it should not be surprising that there would be propaganda on both sides. Here are a few notable ones – and some real stamps.



Labels with designs modified from the 1924 and 1925 British Empire Exhibition stamps. Boris Johnson (at left), Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Prime Minister Theresa May, who became Prime Minister on July 11, 2016 – faced with enacting BREXIT – are shown on designs with the slogan “TAKING BACK CONTROL” at the bottom.



One of the stamps commemorating the British Empire Exhibition of 1924. What would King George V have thought?



Someone had fun modifying the Machin design, arguing against BREXIT.



Very artistically done anti-BREXIT labels show an archer with his arrow pointing toward him, and a person shooting himself in the foot.



Genuine BREXIT themed stamps, issued by the Central African Republic showing Nigel Farage (upper left) an outspoken broadcaster and politician who favored it, David Cameron (upper right), who was Prime Minister at the time of the vote and resigned due to his opposition to BREXIT. Theresa May (lower left) who was stuck with negotiations and proponent, Boris Johnson (lower right).

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Knoxville Philatelic Surprises

By Tom Broadhead

As a collector of the postal history of France, I occasionally find an item I want at a show or on eBay, but most of my purchases are through the Belgian online auction company, Delcampe. <http://delcampe.net>. There are many great, and inexpensive foreign stamps and covers there, and the greatest challenge is usually being certain that the seller will accept payment by Paypal.

Sometimes, I conduct searches just out of curiosity, and I searched for US Stamps and then Knoxville. As I write this on April 7, there were 186 stamps and covers that showed up in my search. Most of those feature the 1982 Knoxville World's Fair, including stamps, first day covers, and a few commercial covers.

I found this interesting commercial cover, mailed locally certified mail, insured, with a return receipt requested – paid with 45 cents postage (11 copies of Scott 1282 and a single Scott 1209 on February 21, 1967. It was unclaimed and returned to the sender, Webb Motor Company on Kingston Pike. This cover probably has an even more interesting story, waiting to be discovered, and it is offered at a fixed price of \$15.00.



Imagine my surprise and delight to find the one shown above at right. It has \$1.18 in postage, slightly overpaying the \$1.15 international letter rate that went into effect on January 26, 2014 (forever stamps then were newly valued at \$0.49).

The letter was mailed from Knoxville to a museum in Leon, Nicaragua, received there on May 7. But, look at the postal cancels! They are the KnoxPEX 2014 designs created by Ralph Dinwiddie. Although they are dated March 1, these would have been applied at the USPS General Mail Facility in Knoxville – where the cancel was available for use for 30 days from the date of the event. I doubt that it took this letter more

than two months to arrive, but it was at least five weeks. The seller has it listed on Delcampe for \$1.30. And, yes, I put in a bid to bring it home!



If I win it on April 11, I will bring it to the May KPS meeting as a show-and-tell piece.

KPS US stock grows by over \$4,000!

By Bruce Roberts

KPS lost the best stamp source we had at Regency, but we are moving on to new sources! Dutch Country Auctions, who was in the KnoxPEX 2018 bourse, held an auction the next weekend and we were fortunate to “steal” a great US lot. So far it has yielded over \$27,000 catalog with KPS retail over \$4,000. A great example is Scott #O61 purchased in this sale. This hard-to-fill space in your collection can be filled by this stamp for less than \$100. And there



are several hundred new items. Check our inventory periodically on our website, www.knoxstamps.com. Market Place page has a members-only area where you can see our foreign and US for sale. If you are a member and don't have the password for the Inventory page, see a member of the Stamp Acquisition Committee.



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What's New?

Congratulations to the new KPS Executive Board, elected at the May monthly meeting.



Incoming, ongoing, and outgoing board members (left to right): **Maria Javier**, Director; **Brent Marquand**, Director (new); **Bob Ceo**, Vice President and Past President (new); **David Anderson**, President (new); **Roy Row**, Director (new); **Mike Downs**, Director (outgoing); **John Smartt**, secretary; **Jim Pettway**, Director; **Thomas Lane**, Treasurer.

Congratulations to KPS member, **Mick Zais**, who was confirmed as Deputy Secretary of Education by the U.S. Senate on May 16, and has stepped down as APS President. At a May 23 meeting of the APS Board, Robert G. Zeigler was elected APS President and will serve the remainder of Mick's term. <https://stamps.org/userfiles/file/minutes/Draft-Board-05-23-2018.pdf>

Later this month, June 16-17, the Huntsville Philatelic Club presents its annual show – Huntspex 2018. The show features 17 dealers, competitive exhibits, a cachet and pictorial cancel, post office, and a commemorative coffee mug! The show theme is the 60th anniversary of NASA. Huntsville, AL is a short drive from Knoxville, and the venue is at the Calhoun Community College Huntsville campus. More information is at www.sefsc.org/huntspex.html and on Facebook.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Thanks for electing me president (again), and thanks to **Bob Ceo** for a great job this past year. The columns I write over the next 12 months will be personal as well as educational. I have learned a lot in the six years since I joined KPS and want to pass on a few observations.

Those of you who know me realize I don't use want lists, but instead bring my albums to KPS meetings or stamp shows and go through the available inventory that way. I do this not only to pick out stamps I am missing on the pages of my albums, but also to see if I want to buy a better copy of a stamp I already have. It helps to actually see the stamp 'in person' when making a choice about whether to buy or not, because you can look at the front and back carefully, check for watermarks, and other features. This is hard to do with online sales, which often only show the front of the stamp. And I never buy a stamp sight unseen, even online.



Australia Scott 21 on regular paper (left) and thin paper (right). <http://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?t=36568>

I exclusively use hingeless albums – and no, I still have never licked a hinge or cut a mount. If I buy a new stamp it is easily added into the empty space, and if I buy a better stamp, I can put it in front of the old one until I can place it in one of my many duplicate stock books, which I now maintain by country.

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 1, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 33 members and three guests present. President **Bob Ceo** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of April, 2018, the club had cash assets of \$18,818. Receipts for the month were \$5,789; expenses were \$1,084, for a net cash inflow of \$4,705. KnoxPEX 2018 yielded net income of \$2,267, of which more than half were net proceeds of the auction. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The Executive Board discussed the possibility of Knoxville hosting the 2019 National Topical Stamp Show of the American Topical Association. **Jim Pettway** noted that the KPS Marketplace on our web site is now live for stamps purchases and for stamp sales by members. May 11-12 is the Holston Stamp Club's Holpex Stamp Show at the Best Western Hotel in Johnson City. **Wes Hayes** announced new free boxes as part of the KPS nickel stamp offerings. **David Anderson** reminded members that he will create a full color name tag for each, featuring a favorite stamp – just let him know your name and stamp. **Tom Broadhead** was presented with a certificate for the

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eleventh straight year of a gold award in the APS newsletter competition.

The floor opened for presentation of the slate of officers and nominations from the floor. The slate of officers was elected by acclamation: President – **David Anderson**, Vice President – **Bob Ceo**, Treasurer – **Thomas Lane**, Secretary – **John Smartt**, Directors (2 year terms) – **Brent Marquand, Roy Row**.

Adjournment at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board Meeting – May 1, 2018

The Executive Board of KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. There were eight directors in attendance. President **Bob Ceo** presided.

Bruce Roberts, chair of the Stamp Acquisition Committee announced that he will be in Florida for six months, from November 10, 2018. His duties will be transferred to other SAC volunteers.

Tom Broadhead led a discussion on Knoxville as a possible site of the American Topical Association's 2019 national show. He emphasized that there is no financial liability for KPS in relation to the event. ATA will be seeking a local volunteer commitment. A straw poll of the directors resulted in all directors noting their support.

Adjournment at 6:40

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Upcoming Events

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June 5 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.

June 23 – KPS Saturday meeting – place TBA.

July 3 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.



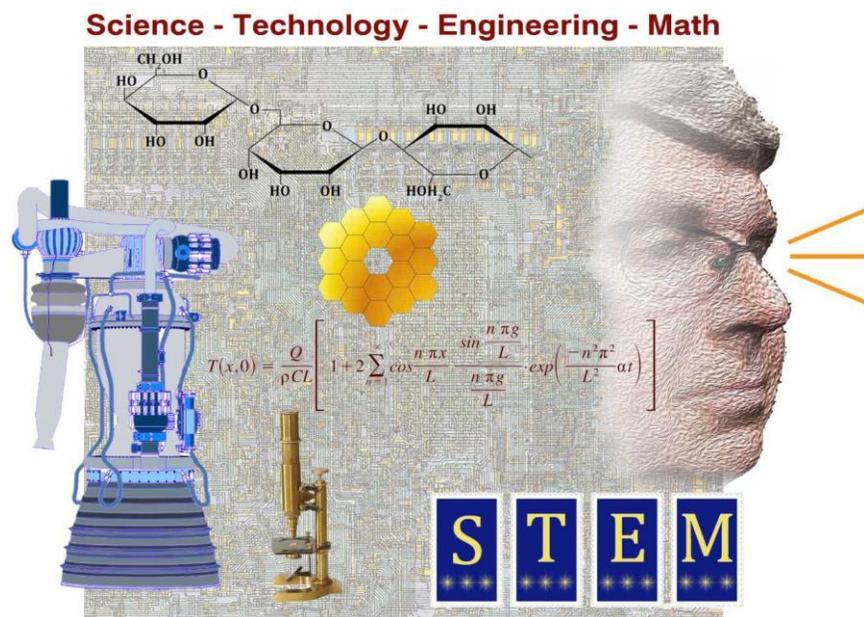
Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp, is a pictorial stamp of the World War II German occupation of Poland – Generalgouvernement (Scott N70). The 80 groszy dull purple stamp, issued in 1940, shows St. Mary's church in Cracow. These stamps are valued more than twice as much used as unused, but these all appear to have been genuinely used. These stamps were a gift to KPS and passed on to the newsletter by **Wes Hayes**.

Inside Last Month's Cachet

By Ralph Dinwiddie

The May KPS newsletter was mailed using the recently released STEM stamps. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Each of these four areas had its own specific design with an overall common theme. In designing the May cachet (below), I tried to honor that theme without copying it.



The May 2018 KPS Newsletter cachet covers all four STEM areas using representative graphics from each.

The background image is a microscopic picture of Intel's first commercial central processing unit (CPU), called the 4004, released in 1971. This technological achievement ushered in the age of the integrated circuit. The molecule shown in the upper left of the cachet is the chemical arrangement of Arabic Gum, the sticky water activated glue found on the back of lick-and-stick stamps. This substance was once called the most valuable material on earth, because of the difference in catalog value between mint and used stamps.

Science is also represented by the early microscope shown near the bottom-center of the cachet and the hexagonal shaped multi-mirror arrangement of the James Webb space telescope, shown near the center. The James Webb telescope is expected to be launched in 2020 and will allow astronomers to peer back in time to the first stars and galaxies formed after the Big Bang.

Engineering is represented by the Merlin rocket engine in the lower left corner of the cachet. This reusable rocket engine allows *SpaceX* to launch, land

and re-use its Falcon 9 first stage boosters, greatly reducing the cost of space flight.

The field of Mathematics is represented by the transient heat flow equation shown near the center of the cachet. I chose this equation because it's one I use often in laser flash thermal diffusivity measurements designed to study how well materials conduct heat.

All four of the STEM stamps feature a face of a student/scientist studying these technical areas. I didn't have to look far to find a picture of a nerdy scientist. As you may have recognized the face is mine, taken with the beta version of a 3D mapping app on my iPhone and textured using the oil painting filter in Photoshop.

You will notice each stamp has the letter of the field it represents in a blue rectangle with 3 stars. I made these rectangles into stamps and placed them in the lower right corner. Each stamp also has the name of its field of study across the top in a red area. To save red ink, and to simplify an already busy design, I just wrote the words in red across the cachet.

I hope you enjoyed this cachet as much as I enjoyed putting it together. Some stamps are easier than others to think of a cachet design, and it's particularly difficult when there are multiple stamp designs on a single topic. I'm really looking forward to upcoming stamps featuring Sally Ride, John Lennon, 100 years of Air Mail and Turning the Tide in World War I. Stamps not likely to be featured on upcoming newsletters include, Bioluminescent Life (too much black ink is required), and O Beautiful (too many designs).

Pre-Meeting Workshops

By Jim Pettway

The May Stamp Collecting Workshop was postponed to June, due to the KPS Executive Board meeting. Come early to the June meeting, and we will look at the different types of magnifiers and ways to view stamps.



Bring your magnifier and share with the group how and in what cases you use it.

The Stamp Collecting Workshop begins at 6:30, just before the regular KPS meeting.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 5

KPS in the NEWS

By Tom Broadhead

A few weeks ago, *Linn's Stamp News* editor, Jay Bigalke put out a call for program and activity ideas from local clubs. Our meetings and show are rich in content – and stamps, and I thought it appropriate to share some of the great things we do. I emailed five photos to Jay, along with text explaining each. It was then great to see that he used two photos and descriptions in his column in the May 7 issue, part of which is reproduced below.

PHILATELIC FOREWORD BY JAY BIGALKE

Variety of stamp club activities suggested: Selling, trading, exhibits talks and more

Creativity with stamp club activities is a key component to engaging collectors that attend meetings regularly.

I received a number of suggestions in response to my Philatelic Foreword column in the April 9 *Linn's* seeking input on activities for stamp club meeting.

I've provided a quick bullet point list with this column (page 13), but also wanted to elaborate on a few of the letters and emails I received.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society in Tennessee shared photos and details of its meetings.

"Monthly meetings are preceded by a 30 minute workshop on a practical aspect of philately," said Tom



Members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society in Tennessee browse through albums, stamps, and more, that the stamp club purchased to sell to members. Photo courtesy of Tom Broadhead, Knoxville Philatelic Society.

Broadhead of the club. "Previous workshops have dealt with mounts and measuring perforations."

Shown nearby is club member Jim Pettway teaching a workshop on how to check for watermarks.

A real standout for me is that the Knoxville Philatelic Society has a committee to purchase collections, break them down, and then sell the items to club members. The proceeds are pumped back into the club to buy more items.

Shopping takes place before and after the meetings.

Similarly, Ron Breznay of the Wyoming Valley Stamp Club in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., reported that the club has a "nickel box night." Before the night, the club purchases

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Knoxville Philatelic Society member Jim Pettway teaches a workshop on how to check for watermarks. Photo courtesy of Tom Broadhead.

The continuation of the article on page 13 of the issue also listed a wide range of club activities – many of which are among our practices (noted * in the list above at right).

- *APS Circuit Sales Books
- APS Slide Shows – not used recently
- *Auctions
- *Breaking down collections to sell to members
- Bus trips to stamp shows – not recently
- *Club newsletter
- *Club members buying, selling, or trading items
- Club philatelic library – once, but discontinued
- *Club picnics and holiday parties
- Club stamp exhibits – occasionally
- *Formal presentations
- *Guest speakers
- *Host stamp shows
- Local postal history display projects
- *Local stamp dealers selling at meetings
- *Philatelic trivia
- *Raffles
- *Show-and-tell sessions
- Stamp bucks that can be redeemed at club auctions
- Themed meetings
- *Workshops on aspects of philately

Jim Pettway's workshops and our Stamp Acquisition Committee's approach to buying and breaking down collections were specifically mentioned in Jay's article.

KPS News Wins 11th Gold



Jim Pettway (right) presents KPS Newsletter editor **Tom Broadhead** with the gold award certificate for the APS newsletter competition.



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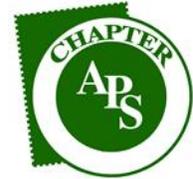
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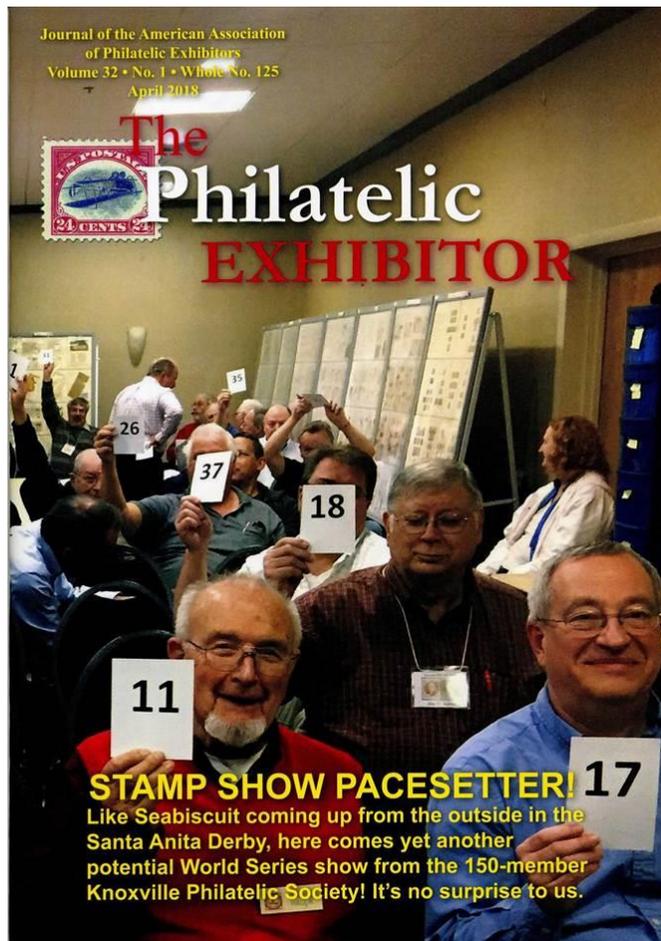
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KPS in the News

What a great surprise it was to see eager bidders at the KnoxPEX 2018 live auction on the cover of *The Philatelic Exhibitor* (April 2018).



Journal editor, **Randy Neil**, who joined KPS at the show, pays us a great compliment in his accompanying article. Let's keep up the great work and see what else we can do to keep KPS at the forefront of philatelic activity!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Last month I talked about how important it is to see stamps in person before buying, if at all possible. As you know, though, I buy a lot of collections online ... so how do I reconcile this? First, I do a lot of research. I spend an hour or two most days going over online collections, and probably look at a thousand or more collections carefully for each one I actually buy. I also only look at collections where every page and hence stamps of the material being sold is illustrated. This allows me to see many examples of a country's stamps, learn what is out there, and compare the condition and price.

For high end stamps the front and back must be illustrated before I will even consider buying them online. I also have no qualms about contacting sellers and asking for additional details. In some cases I have established good business as well as personal relationships this way and have been able to acquire materials directly from them, often at a far better price, and without the competitive bidding. And as for the latter... when buying at auctions online, I have a maximum price I am willing to pay, and stick to it no matter what.

Examples of stamps (below) that I purchased online; front and back. The description was detailed and accurate: NEW ZEALAND 1862-64 FFQ 1d and 2d wmk Large Star imperf U, SG 35, 36. cat £395.



People get caught up in the auction, and sometimes pay far more than they should have for stamps. I know, I did exactly that, early on!

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 5, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 37 members and three guests present. President **David Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of May 2018, the club had cash assets of \$18,501. Receipts for the month were \$1,680; expenses were \$1,997, for a net cash outflow of \$217. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Before the meeting, **Jim Pettway** presented a workshop on the use of magnifiers. The club's website was down recently and was restored at 4 PM today. Jim requested feedback about the KPS website marketplace. He will assist members who wish to post wants or sales items. Jim also announced that KPS representatives will be making presentations at Knox County senior centers and KPS is seeking to become eligible to make presentations at Girls Scout events.

Bruce Roberts noted that the Stamp Acquisition Committee is accumulating funds in order to bid on a significant US collection in August. The large red boxes of foreign stamps are being culled of items with catalogue value lower than \$5.00.

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Tom Broadhead mentioned that *The Philatelic Exhibitor* magazine contained an article on KPS in its most recent issue. Tom also reported on the change in APS leadership and postings of KPS information on the APS Ambassadors Facebook page. **Ralph Dinwiddie** noted that the new printer is saving ink, is thus expected to be not only much faster but more economical.

Nick Stone presented the program, "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines," about the development of human flight into the 20th century.

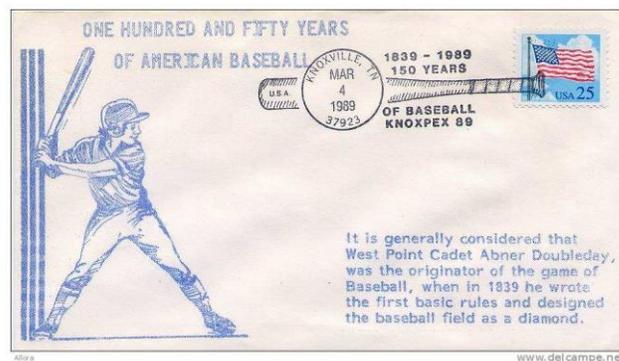
Adjournment at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

The Boys of Summer

By Tom Broadhead

Here is another interesting and inexpensive cover for sale on Delcampe.net. It is the KnoxvillePEX 1989 show cachet. The special cancel was announced in the KPS newsletter of February 1989 – posted on the KPS web site! The show program is also posted on our site.



Upcoming Events

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July 3 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.

July 31 – KPS fifth Tuesday meeting

August 7 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is from a pictorial issue of New Zealand commemorating peace at the end of World War II. The attractive bicolor 6 pence stamp (Scott 254) shows the country's coat of arms and is part of a set of 11 stamps. These stamps are a gift from **Dick Jackson**.



Robert Indiana and US Love Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

A May 21, 2018 article by Jori Finkel in the *New York Times* reported the death on May 19 of one of the most significant artists of the 1960's Pop Art scene. "Robert Indiana, the Pop artist whose bold rendering of the word "love" became one of the most recognizable artworks of the 20th century, gracing hundreds of prints, paintings and sculptures, some 330 million postage stamps that he authorized and countless tchotchkes that he did not, died on Saturday at his home in Vinalhaven, ME. He was 89."

Finkel added, "To be sure, he had a hand in spreading the word, creating many artworks in different mediums based on the motif. And he designed the red, blue and green version that was originally issued as an eight-cent stamp by the United States Postal Service for Valentine's Day 1973. It has since become one of the most popular holiday stamps in the United States."



Pop artist, Robert Indiana created the graphic design that has appeared also as a sculpture in 1966. See the full range of his art at <http://robertindiana.com>.

The original graphic is striking both in design and in its color. Image below from <http://robertindiana.com>.



In 1973, the first U.S. "Love" stamp (below, Scott 1475) was issued, showing Indiana's design and slightly modified colors, with complimentary colors in the associated background and text.



This was the first in what has become a postal tradition of U.S. love stamps. But, the next love issue did not appear until nine years and twelve cents more later (below, 1982, Scott 1951, 1951A).



Love stamps gained traction in 1994 (below left, Scott 2072) and 1995 (below right, Scott 2143). They have appeared annually into the "Forever" era.



How many love stamps are there? The American Topical Association reports 255 on its check list - http://americantopicalassn.org/pdf/checklists/alp_habetical20180508.pdf.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 3



WELCOME! to the Knoxville Philatelic Society

www.knoxstamps.com

by Jim Pettway

Have you been to the KPS website lately? If so, you've noticed a few new things and a little "dress-up" of some pages. The website was well designed, quite functional and looked good when I took over as webmaster about 6 weeks ago. I've just been doing a bit of tweaking.

If you have visited it recently then you are one of about 110 Unique Visitors to the site in the last two weeks of April and first 2 weeks of May. And who are these Unique Visitors? In this number (110) there are those who have visited www.knoxstamps.com only once. The KPS website has been visited by people in Italy, Germany, Belarus, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and of course, the United States. The website had 133% more Unique Visitors in the past 4 weeks than the previous 4 weeks.



Statistics on visits to the KPS website from Wix. Numbers change on a daily basis. Visitor numbers reflect repeat visits to our site. As word gets out, we expect these numbers to increase significantly.

There were visits from all southeastern states except Georgia (!?!), North Carolina, and Virginia. Visitors also clicked in from California, Arizona, Missouri, Texas, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

A total of 702 pages on our website were visited, including 342 visits to the KPS Homepage. This was 401% more than the previous 4 weeks. The word is getting out. The KPS must have something to attract stamp collectors.

There you have it, statistics from the KPS website for the 4 weeks ending May 17. Let's see what happens in the next month.

Members Buy/Sell/Trade

By Jim Pettway

Well, it took a second push, but it stirred some members to place ads on the new Members Buy/Sell/Trade page at Market Place on the KPS website, www.knoxstamps.com. As of the end of May, six people placed ads to buy and one to sell philatelic material.

Over the past years I've had many members ask how they could sell items to other KPS members. Members Buy/Sell/Trade is the answer. In my initial email, I asked that only one ad be sent to me for posting. I did this to see how many people would respond and how much work this would be for me or someone else. Things started slowly, but I expect to see more activity as time goes on. Send ads for posting to me at jim.stampmail62@yahoo.com. I'm looking next into adding photos to the ads – taking it forward one step at a time.

So, what about you buyers? We have sellers who need buyers, and at the end of May, we had one buyer who posted some wants. To see what's for sale and who/how to contact the sellers go to Market Place and choose Members Buy/Sell/Trade from the dropdown. Plug in your password and there you are. See something of interest? Contact the seller and make arrangements to purchase. Send me your comments and suggestions for Members Buy/Sell/Trade and let me know if you need the KPS member password.

Slow Mail from Nicaragua

By Tom Broadhead

In the May 2018 KPS News, I wrote about a cover with KnoxPEX 2014 cancels mailed to Nicaragua. It took anywhere from one to two months to get there. I bought it on Delcampe and received it on June 6! Postmarks on the Nicaraguan stamps applied to the registered envelope are May 3. A month seems a long time to get here from down there.



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Do you have ideas for the theme for KnoxPEX 2019? Share them!

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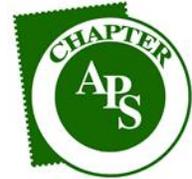
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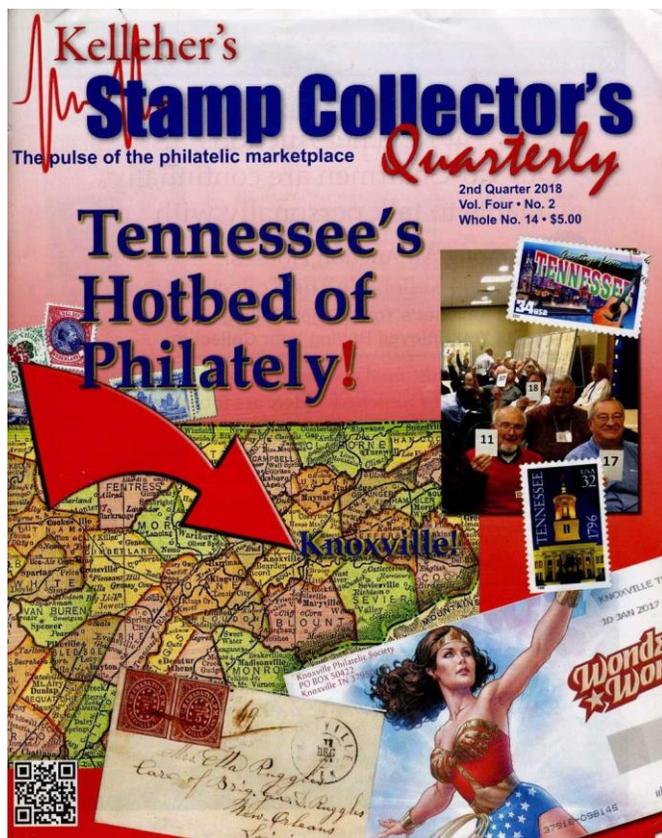


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KPS in the News

The Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions LLC firm was the corporate sponsor for KnoxPEX 2018, and the company publishes a quarterly magazine with a great range of high quality articles. KPS member **Randy Neil** is the editor.

The second quarter issue, just published, features an extensive article by **Bruce Roberts**, with a little KPS history but an emphasis on our club in the 21st century.



If you did not receive one in the mail, **Bob Smith** has copies to give at meetings or by mail. Don't miss it – your picture might be in the article!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Last month I gave you some tips about buying collections online ... now, to tell you why I do it. First, sometimes you get great deals, with stamps at far below catalog value, in the range of 5 to 10%. You get to be a pretty good judge of assessing when the good stamps have been cherry-picked out, and while I check to see if anything good was missed, that rarely happens.

Second, I buy collections in hingeless albums, because I don't want to damage a stamp by licking a hinge or spend time with mounts when I could be looking at the stamps themselves. And I don't like buying hingeless albums new, because their prices are very price! Many dealers selling collections focus on the stamps, which means you can get some real bargains ... stamps and hingeless albums for the price of just the albums!

I prefer Lindner/Safe albums, which have a clear plastic



sheet mounted on a heavy stock page with the stamp pictures printed on that, so you can look at the front and back of all your stamps by turning the clear sheet (an example shown here). Blank pages are available as well, so you can easily add varieties

and duplicates.

Finally, when you buy an album, always check the condition ... are all the pages there, and are the mounts all present or the plastic sheets in good shape, crisp and clear, and not yellowed with age or bent? Choose wisely when buying stamps and albums!

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 3, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 22 members and three guests present. President **David Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of June 2018, the club had cash assets of \$14,295. Receipts for the month were \$4,256; expenses were \$358, for a net cash inflow of \$3,898. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Bob Smith reported that Kelleher Auctions, sponsor of KnoxPEX 2018 featured an article about KPS by **Bruce Roberts**. Copies were distributed. **Jim Pettway**, communications chair, noted that the members' marketplace on the KPS website is now discontinued for lack of activity. He recommended that members use Facebook for buying and selling. He said that KPS has an advertisement on channel 99, the community cable TV channel. He mentioned that the stamp workshop before the regular August meeting would be about publications and reference material.

The Stamp Acquisition Committee's **Brent Marquand** noted progress on reducing the size of the red box inventory so that it is more portable.

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Technical difficulties prevented the download and presentation of a YouTube video, and the program for the month was cancelled.

Adjournment at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smartt, secretary

Big Shows This Month

By Tom Broadhead

August brings us a bumper crop of major stamp shows, all within easy driving distance of Knoxville. Americover 2018, the annual show of the American First Day Cover Society, is August 3-5 at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast hotel. More information is at <http://www.afdcs.org/amercover/2018.html>.

Just a week later, August 9-12, is the combined StampShow, annual exhibition of the American Philatelic Society, and the National Topical Stamp Show, the annual exhibition of the American Topical Association, in Columbus, OH. Details about StampShow are at <https://stamps.org/STAMPSHOW-SS>, and those for NTSS can be found at <http://americantopicalassn.org/ntss/ntss2018.shtml>.

KPS is a chapter member of all three organizations. Try to attend at least one of these great shows.

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August 7 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.

KPS Executive Board meeting at 6:00 – all members are invited to attend.

August 18 – KPS Saturday meeting – 10:00-1:00 at Peace Lutheran Church, Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

September 4 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.

Jim Pettway's Pre-meeting workshop at 6:15 will cover reference materials and publications.

October 2 – KPS monthly meeting. Stamp Collecting Month live auction. Auction form will be in the September newsletter.

Stamp of the Month

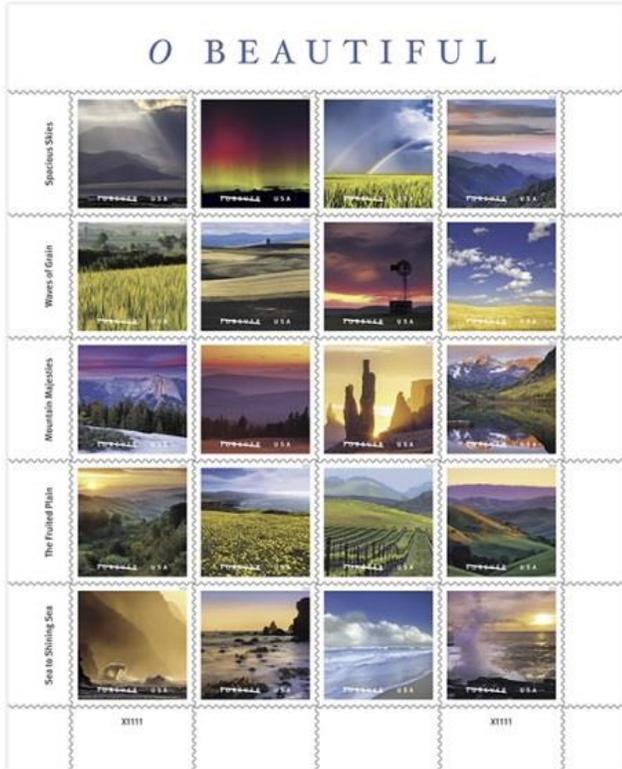
This month's stamp is from a short pictorial definitive set of Australia in 1978, showing local birds. The colorful 20 cent stamp (Scott 683) shows a Little Grebe on a nest with eggs. These stamps are a gift from **Steve Schmidt**.



O Beautiful – a New Smoky Mountains Stamp

By Tom Broadhead

July 4 was the first day of issue for the new “O Beautiful” pane of 20 stamps, matched with phrases from the patriotic hymn, *America*.



These are truly beautiful stamps, and the designer and art director, Ethel Kessler, certainly had some difficult choices to make. The upper right stamp shows a scene from the Great Smoky Mountains with the accompanying phrase, “Spacious Skies.”



Personally, I would have matched it with “Mountain Majesties,” but the fact that it was chosen (based on a photograph by Tim Fitzharris) for this beautiful set, is great recognition of the natural beauty that exists just a short drive from Knoxville.

This is the fifth US stamp and third design for the Smokies (Yellowstone, by the way has 3 stamps and 2 designs)! Three of the US stamps have the design of the 1934 ten cent stamp (749, 765, 797). The fourth is the 2003 air mail stamp (C140).

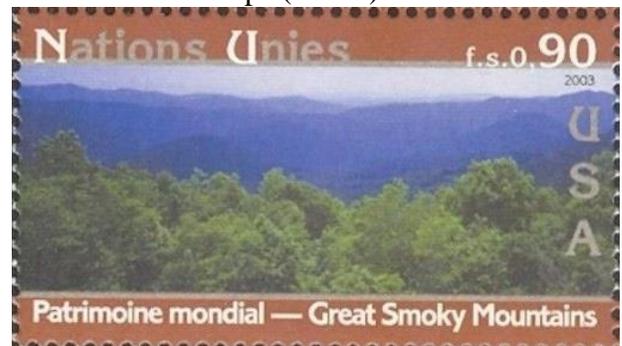


The great scenic view of the 1934 stamp is on both perforated and imperforate stamps. It also appears, printed in blue green on the souvenir sheet for the 1937 Society of Philatelic Americans.

The air mail stamp (below) shows a sunset over a scene with the characteristic mists that give the mountains their name.



Recognition of our local landscape has not been limited to US stamps (below).



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 7

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The United Nations stamp shown at the bottom of the previous page recognizes the Great Smoky Mountains as a UN World Heritage Site. This design was issued in 2003 by all three UN offices: New York (Scott 852b), Geneva (Scott 417b – shown here), and Vienna (Scott 340b).

A web search also turned up this stamp from Antigua and Barbuda (Scott 2862f), issued in 2006.



I haven't actually seen a copy of this stamp, and the posting on the internet includes the stamp dealer's web site – not part of the stamp design. To me, this image is the best of all. It's great to live in a part of the U.S. with such great natural beauty, which is appreciated by many, who have never visited, through stamp images.

A "late" Crafty Use of Mi 55/Scott 54s

By Randy and Russ Haese



The cover above is one of several recently purchased and was sent from "Pillnitz" (now Elbe) to Dresden (~15 km) using a total of 80 pfennig in postage.

Interestingly enough, 60 pfennigs of the postage was invalid at the time the letter was sent! The crafty sender mailed the letter on July 5, 1921 using three current stamps (a 10 pf Numeral and two 5 Pf. "Deutsches Reich" Germanias) and 12, overlapping 5 pf "ReichsPost" Germania stamps, which had become invalid on Jan 1, 1903! Since all of the 5 pf. Germania stamps are nearly the same color, the "ReichsPost" stamps were overlapped just enough not to completely hide the "ReichsPost" (below) while overlapping a similar postally valid "Deutsches Reich" stamp at the end of each row. Most postal clerks probably hadn't seen a 5 pf "ReichsPost" stamp for the last eighteen and a half years, making this a "late" and crafty usage of the "ReichsPost" MiNr 55/Scott 54s!



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Do you have ideas for the theme for KnoxPEX 2019? Share them!

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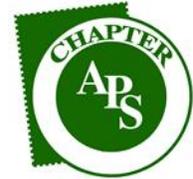
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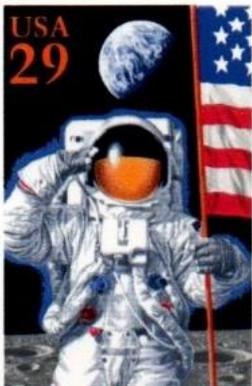
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KnoxPEX 2019 Theme – Moon Landing Anniversary

At last month's meeting, KPS tentatively agreed to feature the 1969 Apollo 11 Moon Landing as the theme for KnoxPEX 2019. One of the signature historical events of the 20th Century, the Moon landing signified the technological supremacy of the United States in the "Space Race," begun in 1957 with the Russian launch of the satellite, *Sputnik*.



First Moon Landing, 1969

KPS cachet and cancel designer, **Ralph Dinwiddie** is beginning plans for our commemorative cachet, which will be a highlight of next spring's KnoxPEX 2019, March 2-3. Mark your calendars!

There are several Moon landing stamps, and I'll feature those in an upcoming KPS News article. The 25th anniversary 29 cent commemorative

stamp (Scott 2941) was accompanied that year, 1984, by a \$9.95 express mail stamp (Scott 2942). KnoxPEX cachets will include the 29 cent stamp, but it will be up to members and other collectors to customize their cachets with many other, more or less expensive, options.

Bob Smith is show chair, so start making your plans to attend and volunteer at KnoxPEX 2019!

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

To continue the saga . . . so why do I buy collections online, and yet still buy a lot of stamps from the KPS inventory? Because most collections reflect their owners' tastes, and not mine! I like nice cancels, centered with the city and date present for classic 19th/early 20th century materials, and am less concerned with acquiring the pricier mint never hinged materials for these eras, which I will never be able to afford. The KPS inventory is filled with good used stamps, capable of filling many holes in collections, and it is fun to go through them and find things I am missing, as well as upgrade what I have, not just for better color values or centering, but also for a more



legible cancel (above)!

And just because I like hingeless albums doesn't mean that is an approach for everyone. For those who enjoy mounting stamps, I recognize that the physical activity (!) of picking up, looking at, and trying to figure out if you are putting it in the right place in the album, is indeed a part of the fun. I am new to this hobby, make a lot of mistakes, and am aware it is easier to move a stamp in a hingeless album than one already mounted! Whatever turns folks on is what is important, since this is, after all, a hobby!

(Photo reference - www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=17&t=32522. Austria (Scott 29) definitive of 1867).

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 7, 2018

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of July 2018, the club had cash assets of \$4,851. Receipts for the month were \$4,444; and with a very large stamp purchase, expenses were \$18,040, for a net cash outflow of \$13,604. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

David Anderson announced that the board has requested an overview of the costs of stamp acquisitions. **Bruce Roberts** reported that all 13 dealer tables have been sold for KnoxPEX 2019. The theme will be the Apollo 11 Moonwalk 50th anniversary. **Jim Pettway** has been gathering APS and ATA materials for presentation by members to Girls Scouts clubs as part of our educational efforts. **Bruce Roberts** requested assistance in working up a stock of covers.

There was no program, due to a lack of audio visual equipment and members returned to buying stamps.

Adjournment at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted

John Smartt, Secretary

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Executive Board Meeting – August 7, 2018

The Executive Board of KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. There were nine members in attendance. President **David Anderson** presided.

A motion passed to authorize **Jim Pettway** to move forward with assistance to the Girl Scouts for presentations about APS and ATA. **Bob Smith** reported that preparations for KnoxPEX are in good shape, with a full set of dealers. The tentative theme is the Apollo 11 Moon Landing anniversary. Handoff of Stamp Acquisition Committee materials and responsibilities from **Bruce Roberts** for this winter is going well. The annual Holiday Luncheon will be December 8 at Lakeside Tavern in Concord, TN. The Board agreed that a summary of the costs of stamp acquisition will be prepared.

Adjournment at 6:40

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September 4 – KPS monthly meeting. Program TBA.

Pre-meeting workshop – “The Essential Philatelic Library” – what you need – by **Dan Hubbard**

October 2 – KPS monthly meeting. Stamp Collecting Month live auction.

October 13 – KPS Saturday meeting. Powell Presbyterian Church.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is from a pictorial definitive set of El Salvador, issued in 1924. The image on the 3 centavo stamp (Scott 497) shows Atlacatl, reported to have been the leader of the a 16th century state in what is now El Salvador. The initial victory of those citizens against Spanish conquistadors is attributed to him, but he is considered by some to be a mythical person. These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

A Really Big Show – in Columbus

By Tom Broadhead

Last month's "se-tenant" APS StampShow and ATA National Topical Stamp was a philatelic extravaganza by any measure. Both societies' booths were at the show entrance, and new members joined every day of the four-day show.

The show had a theme, "Dragons," coincident with the new USPS issue of dragon design stamps (below).



The first day ceremony at the show attracted a large crowd (USPS Director of Stamp Services, Mary-Anne Penner below), and both societies had beautiful cachets for sale. A different show cancel was available each day. Notably, on the first day, panes of the new stamp showed up with an error and freak roulette offsets. Fourteen panes of the error were purchased that morning by ATA for its cachets, and I was working the ATA booth when they arrived! The white arrow below points to the first row of roulette cuts, making the second row "imperforate between" with the lower row. Jay Bigalke comments on these in the September 3 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. Quantities of this error are unknown, so pricing is anyone's guess, at this time.



KPS had a great showing at Columbus, including **Tom Broadhead, Bob Ceo, Carol Costa, Mike Downs, Thomas Lane, Tom Ringenbach, Bruce Roberts, Gerald Schroedl, Bob Smith, Dennis Traynor, Joe Wachter, and Lori Williams**. The Stamp Acquisition Committee was busy checking lots and making some incredible buys for the KPS inventory.

Dragons are a popular stamp theme, especially in China. There are always beautiful architectural and artistic depictions that I see during my annual summer program in Nanjing. The canal near the Confucius Temple has a beautiful display (below), which is illuminated at night.



More countries, including the US, now issue stamps celebrating the lunar zodiac. The 2012 Lunar New Year issue of China (Scott 3982) resembles the dragon shown on the first stamps of China in 1878 (Scott 2, below).



The USPS issued its Year of the Dragon stamp (Scott 4623, below) in 2012, but we will have to wait until 2024 for the next.



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Stamp Acquisition Committee Goes Big at the Columbus Show

By Bruce Roberts

The SAC travelled to the APS StampShow in Columbus, OH, August 8-12. **Dennis Traynor, Bob Smith, Thomas Lane** and I worked for three straight days looking at a huge number of lots (below).



After our success a few weeks earlier at the Kelleher auction in Connecticut we did not expect to add a lot to our inventory. However, fortune smiled on us. We bought the largest foreign lot in our history (below), fifteen boxes with from 3 to 7 stockbooks in each box, with catalog value estimated at \$100,000. These will take months to work up and should provide our membership with lots of pleasant browsing and purchasing this fall and winter.



KPS Members Join ATA Board

By Tom Broadhead

In the summer American Topical Association elections, KPS members **Carol Costa** and **Tom Broadhead** were elected as new Directors on the ATA board. Initial responsibilities included attending the outgoing board meeting and the incoming board

meeting, plus some enjoyable time in the ATA booth. Carol and I, and many other ATA officers and volunteers pitched in to sign up new members, sell topical stamp packets and reference lists, and help with the quiz for free stamps (everyone was a winner!). Other KPS members are ATA Executive Director, **Vera Felts**, and ATA President, **Dale Smith**, who was also a dealer at KnoxPEX 2018.

YouTube Stamp Videos

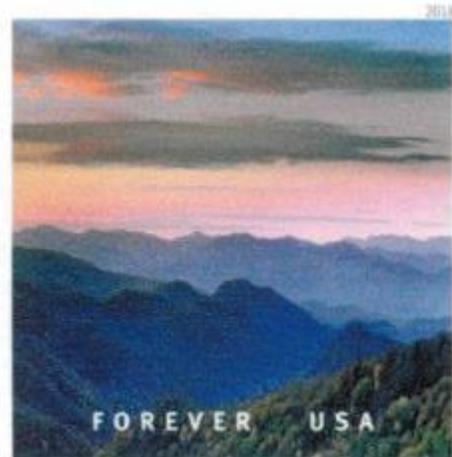
By Tom Broadhead

Videographer, Graham Beck was at StampShow/NTSS and posted an entertaining video on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/5bImEro1G30>. Enjoy that and Graham's other stamp videos at his YouTube channel – Exploring Stamps.

O Beautiful – Smoky Mountains oops!

By Tom Broadhead

Either nobody caught my mistake in the August KPS News, or everyone thought that the stamp I claimed to show the Smoky Mountains in the *O Beautiful* did depict our nearby scenery. In my text, I said that it was the upper right stamp of the sheet – true. But, the individual stamp I showed was a scene from far off California. Here is the correct Smoky Mountain stamp.



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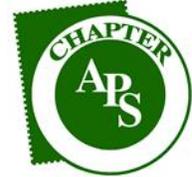
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How Will You Celebrate Stamp Collecting Month?

October is Stamp Collecting Month, and it's time to think about the many sources of stamps and other philatelic materials that are so convenient for us. Here's a quick list to consider.

KPS – Start with the enormous retail stock that **Bruce Roberts** and the Stamp Acquisition Committee have assembled. Buy in person at a KPS meeting, or by mail. If you can't make the October 2 meeting, there are also a Saturday KPS meeting and a 5th Tuesday meeting this month! An additional club source will be the live auction at the October monthly meeting.

APS – Circuit Sales books from the American Philatelic Society are present at all KPS meetings and are coordinated by Jim Pettway. If you have some particular needs or a want list, check the APS Stamp Store online for some great items at great prices - <https://stamps.org/stampstore>.

Internet Auctions and Sales – Most KPS members are familiar with sales on eBay (<http://ebay.com>). My favorite internet site is the Belgian company Delcampe (<http://delcampe.net>). By comparison, at the time of this writing, eBay listed 415 philatelic items for Knoxville and Delcampe listed 199 – not a bad number for a foreign source. I noted that at both sites, the majority of items for sale were stamps (Scott 2006-2009) and first day covers of the 1982 Knoxville World's Fair. Occasionally, you can find a KnoxPEX cachet for sale on both sites.

So many stamps and so many choices. Celebrate Stamp Collecting Month by adding to your collection.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

This year's KnoxPEX theme is space flight, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing in 1969. That year also witnessed a lunar orbital mission, Apollo 10 in May, and a second landing, Apollo 12, in November, as well as the Apollo 9 and five Russian Soyuz earth orbital missions. A lot was going on that pivotal year, not even counting remarkable planetary missions like Mariners 6 and 7 to Mars!

Stamps and covers celebrate these technical accomplishments, of which the lunar landings will be remembered, as long as human civilization exists. I collect space flight stamps and covers, and to say I am excited by this year's KnoxPEX theme is putting it mildly! I remember when I was eight years old, in October 1957, my dad took me outside to witness Sputnik I going overhead. Like many kids of that time, I became fascinated with spaceflight, and by the time I was 12 or 13 was saving newspapers from all the



flights, and still have two large plastic tubs full of papers from the era. For about a year, when I delved into stamp collecting and got the scouting merit badge, I even wrote and got recovery fleet covers for early Gemini missions (see my September 2016 column). I then put aside stamp collecting for nearly 50 years until I attended KnoxPEX, won the door prize, and now own a house full of stamps, including several thousand space flight covers!

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 4, 2018

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Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted with the correction that the December holiday party will be at Lakeside Tavern. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of August 2018, the club had cash assets of \$6,307. Receipts for the month were \$16,635; and expenses were \$10,670, for a net cash inflow of \$5,695. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In new business, a motion was passed to allow KPS to purchase a projector for use in programs, with a price limit of \$500.

Tom Broadhead presented **Lance Limoges** with his 50 year APS membership ribbon and medal. Lance has collected for 58 years and has been an active storefront and now online dealer. He renewed his KPS membership at the meeting.

Bruce Roberts requested copies of old KnoxPEX programs to scan for the web site. **Jim Pettway** stated that KPS now has 165 members. He will be mailing club information to new APS members in the area to invite them to join the club. **Bob Smith** urged all members to attend and bring a friend to boost

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attendance. He mentioned that bourse chair, **Bruce Roberts** has lined up a full group of dealers for KnoxPEX 2019. **Tom Broadhead** and **Carol Costa** are new ATA directors. Tom said that the proposal to have the 2020 or 2021 National Topical Stamp Show in Knoxville is still under consideration by the ATA board.

The meeting was preceded by a workshop on philatelic publications, led by Dan Hubbard. Jim Pettway presented the meeting program on Tennessee topical stamps, which will be presented to a meeting of local Girl Scouts.

Adjournment at 8:05

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October 13 – KPS Saturday meeting. Powell Presbyterian Church, 10am-1pm.

October 30 – KPS fifth Tuesday meeting – swap and shop!

November 6 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.
KPS Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

December 4 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

December 8 – KPS holiday party at Lakeside Tavern,
[10911 Concord Park Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922](http://10911-Concord-Park-Dr-Knoxville-TN-37922).

Time and details, TBA

Stamp of the Month



The beautifully engraved mint stamp this month is the 1958, 20 franc issue of the Republic of Togo (Scott 347). It commemorates the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Man, a landmark document of the post World War II era. A German colony before World War I, Togo then became a French colony until its independence in 1957. These stamps are a gift from Dr. Phillip Sager, owner of the stamp company "Geezer's Tweezers." <http://geezerstweezers.com>

Foothills Stamps in Maryville – a Return to the Classic Stamp Shop!

By Jim Pettway

The Knoxville area (I'm stretching it a bit) now has a stamp shop for stamp collectors. August 31, I had the opportunity to visit with **Joseph Jones** and **Joe Maurizio** at Foothills Coins & Stamps' new location. This wasn't a long distance move for them, because it was just up two floors from their old offices. When you consider all they had to move, both stamps and coins, the distance becomes irrelevant. Foothills Coins & Stamps is now on the fifth floor of the [Preservation Plaza](#), 200 East Broadway Ave., smack, dab in the middle of downtown Maryville. If you were ever able to squeeze into their old office, then you'll notice quite a space difference.



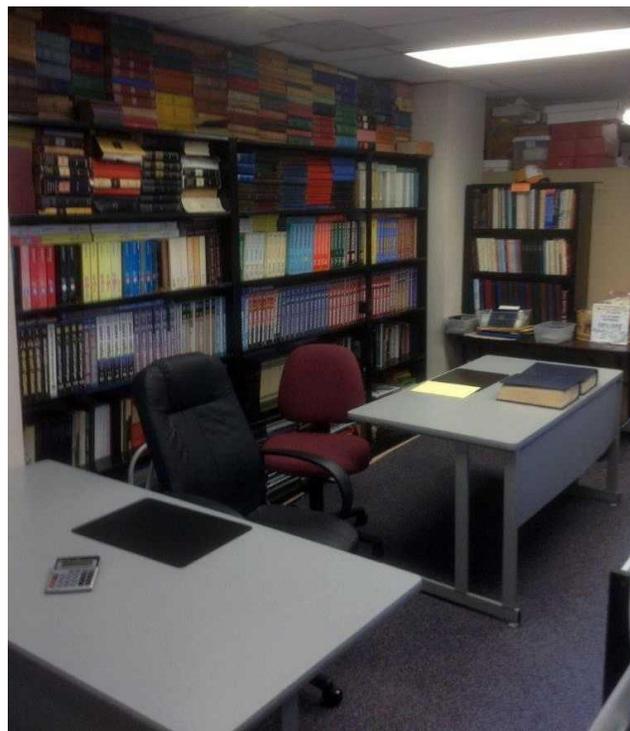
The welcoming new entry to Foothills Coins & Stamps

When I knocked on the door of Foothills Stamps (I'll drop the "Coins" for now) **Joe Maurizio** welcomed me. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. First there wasn't a card table to trip over (old offices), and then the space just opened up. **Joseph Jones** next came to greet me and take me on the tour. By the way, **Mike Downs** and his wife, Carol, were already digging through stamps when I arrived at about 11:15.



Joseph Jones (right) and **Joe Maurizio** (left) at the shop

Pictures tell this story. Open area, plenty of light, large tables, chairs, and counters make up the area when you enter. In the middle of it all was Joe's office where he can assist customers.



In the entry area there is one wall of shelving to the left holding nothing but philatelic publications that are for sale (above). Reference libraries are in the offices. On the wall to the right are the familiar Dime Albums and red boxes of stamps. In another room are individual stamps filed by Scott number in file cabinets. And then you'll see the display cases of collectibles, some for sale and others not. Also, to the right as you enter the shop is a display case with coins, and behind the case are more coins.



Extensive stock, waiting to be sorted, is stacked high behind the scenes.

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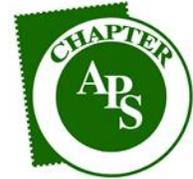
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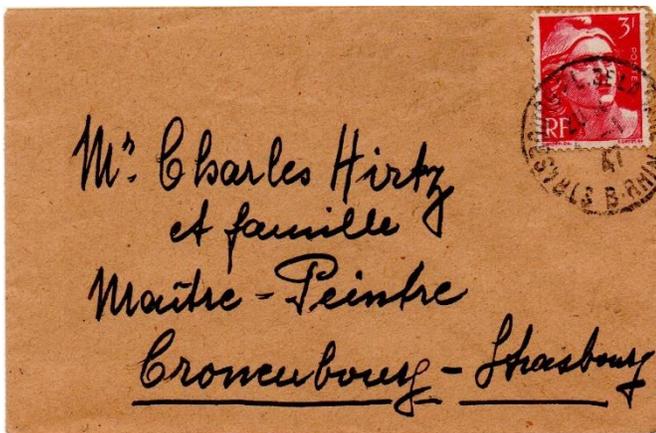
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Searching

I collect, exhibit, and have written articles about “Visiting Card” envelopes from France. These small envelopes were popular in the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries to mail calling cards, also known as visiting cards, and in French, Cartes de Visite. During much of their history, there were three different rates for domestic mail and two for international mail. Finding examples of key rates and dates can be a challenge.



Unsealed visiting card envelope with 3 franc stamp paying the rate for a card with a 5 or fewer word written message. This rate existed only for one day – January 1, 1947.

The best sources are online, especially Delcampe and eBay. Searching for them on those sites requires knowing the different listing names. On Delcampe, which has the most for sale, I search for “carte de visite” (692 items), “cdv” (8), “mignonette” (573), “mignonette” (1019), “petite enveloppe” (700), “petite letter” (673), “miniature” (506), and “mini” (94). Overlap exists among some of those search terms, and some terms include other philatelic items beyond my interest. Searching can be complicated, and it’s always good to learn the possibilities. For stamps, you may need to search for subject and for Scott and alternative foreign catalog numbers.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

With the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing next year, stamps and covers featuring space exploration will become increasingly popular. Expect to see many at stamp shows like KnoxPEX, where our theme celebrates the first lunar landing. Stamps from many countries illustrate and educate us about the ongoing accomplishments of this great age of exploration. Many covers were either flown in space or were issued from launch complexes or recovery vessels. It is thus possible to have items in your collection that document these epochal achievements. Several hundred covers were flown to the moon, including 214 that were carried on Apollo 11, and another 400 on Apollo 15.



An autographed cover carried on the Apollo 11 first lunar landing mission. For information on the Apollo flown covers, see www.spaceflownartifacts.com/guide.html

Prices are not cheap for covers that were taken down to the Moon’s surface. Because there are so few of these covers, detailed records about their history have been kept, including sale prices as they change hands. A cover flown on the first landing mission sells for tens of thousands of dollars, but it is possible to get covers from later missions for much less, particularly Apollo 15, because so many were carried. One of my life goals is to own such a cover, and I am still searching for the right opportunity!

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Pat Goebel (left) marked sold and unsold lots, and **Thomas Lane** and **Bob Smith** kept records during the October 2 live auction.

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Auctioneers **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead** worked briskly through the 119 lots offered by 15 KPS members. Treasurer Thomas Lane reported that 82 lots sold for a total of \$1610.25. Individual lots included single stamps, sets, covers and collections in albums. Prices realized ranged from \$1 to \$530.

Adjournment at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Broadhead, Interim Secretary

Loss of a Friend

KPS member, **Floyd Quick**, passed away on September 19 at the age of 91. Floyd lived in Crossville and frequently made the one-hour drive to KPS evening meetings. He was an experienced collector and in recent years had begun to sell parts of his collection at our KnoxPEX live auctions. The quality of those lots really stood out, and they commanded significant prices from eager bidders.

Dues Are Due!

The KPS Executive Board voted to reauthorize the 20% dues discount for members renewing before January 1. Enclosed is a copy of the membership renewal form for 2019.

KPS Holiday Lunch – December 8

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our annual lunch on Saturday, December 8. Bring a philatelic or nonphilatelic gift for the exchange. KPS will subsidize \$10 of each member's cost. A link is on the calendar listing below.

Upcoming Events

Keep your 2018 KPS calendar, created by **Jim Pettway**, handy for this year's meetings and events. If you have a program to give at a KPS meeting, let vice president and program chair, **Bob Ceo**, know.

November 6 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

KPS Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

December 4 – KPS monthly meeting, program TBA.

December 8 – KPS holiday party at Lakeside Tavern,

[10911 Concord Park Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922](https://www.google.com/maps/place/10911+Concord+Park+Dr,+Knoxville,+TN+37922).

Time and details, TBA

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a Canadian excise stamp (FX36 – ESJ van Dam Canadian Revenue Stamp catalog). These



were documentary stamps, and the 2 cent is often seen on bank checks during the World War I and II periods. These stamps are a gift from **Pat Goebel**.

Finding Amelia Earhart?

By Tom Broadhead

In March, this year, The University of Tennessee's daily news feed included a fascinating article about recent forensic research that bears on the fate of famed American aviatrix, Amelia Earhart. During an attempted around-the-world flight, the plane she was flying with navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean on July 2, 1937, having made final radio contact with Howland Island. The remains of Earhart, Noonan, and the plane have been a source of speculation.

Human bones, discovered in 1940 on the island of Nikumaroro, have been interpreted by UT anthropology professor Richard Jantz as those of Earhart. The whereabouts of the bones is now unknown, but the discoverers (originally identifying them as male) made detailed measurements, which are now concluded to have been female and have been compared to details based on museum collections of her clothing and other facts about her size. Further evidence is from artifacts discovered with the bones, including a woman's shoe, a sextant, and a bottle of Benedictine liquor – her favorite. More about this study can be found at UT news -

<https://news.utk.edu/2018/03/07/researcher-new-forensic-analysis-indicates-bones-were-amelia-earharts/>.

During her lifetime, Earhart was well known for spectacular flight achievements, that are briefly summarized on the web. Many of these during the 1920s and 1930s were accompanied by commemorative flight covers with hand stamped cachets (below).



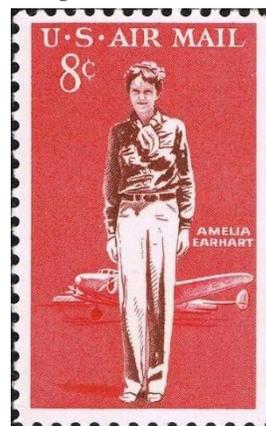
Cover for Earhart's solo transatlantic flight, May 20-21, 1932, with flight cachet and Earhart's signature.

Among all of these, I have found only one contemporaneous stamp honoring her achievements (at top right). The 1935 airmail stamp of Mexico (Scott C74) honors Earhart's good will flight to Mexico City and is one of the most prized Mexican airmail issues.



Mexico C74, commemorating Earhart's 1935 good will flight to Mexico.

Jump ahead in time to 1963, when the US issued its



Amelia Earhart stamp (Scott C88 at left), commemorating her transatlantic flight. Shown in her characteristic flight attire, Earhart's clothes have been used as evidence to support the new report that bones discovered in 1940 are hers. This time, cachets were not the hand stamped ones of the 1930s, but the sophisticated printed ones that we are more accustomed

to seeing. (below).



Art Craft cachet and first day cancel for the 1963 US airmail stamp honoring Amelia Earhart.

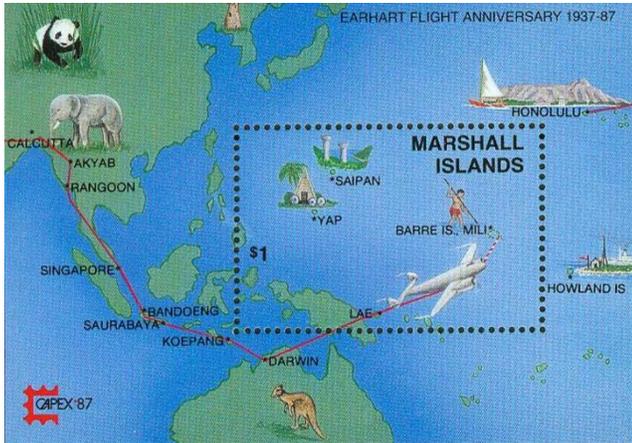
Many other countries have subsequently issued Amelia Earhart commemorative stamps, but I find the most significant to be those of the Marshall Islands issued in 1987, the 50th anniversary of her flight. These were produced for an international philatelic exposition (CAPEX in Toronto, which I attended). The regular stamp is part of a souvenir sheet (next page at top), showing the last part of Earhart's flight path, ending near Barre (or Burrh) Island, part of the Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands. This differs from the forensic study, which is based on remains and artifacts recovered on Nikumaroro,

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an island in Kiribati, far to the southeast in the South Pacific.



Marshall Islands (Scott 142) showing the alleged end of Earhart's flight at Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

A se-tenant block of four stamps also was issued for that show, and these reflect a more detailed, but not necessarily correct, interpretation of the crash and aftermath (below). The upper two stamps (Scott C17-18) are historically correct, showing the take off from New Guinea and the US Coast Guard cutter, *Itasca*, awaiting the next landing at Howland Island. The lower two stamps (Scott C19-20) are conjectural. C19 depicts the crash landing of Earhart's Lockheed Model 10-E Electra at Mili Atoll. C20 (lower right, below) shows the recovery of the plane in 1937 by the Japanese oceanographic ship, *Koshu* – not reported in any online references.



Se-tenant block of 4 stamps, issued by the Marshall Islands in 1937 (Scott C17-20). The validity of the depictions on the lower two stamps is doubtful or incorrect (lower right).

The books are not yet closed on all aspects of the mystery of Amelia Earhart's disappearance. Read more at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amelia_Earhart.



Locations in the North and South Pacific of the two islands where Amelia Earhart's plane has been reported to have crashed. The Equator transects the map.

If you are thinking about starting a collection about Amelia Earhart, check the American Topical Society's stamp checklist. The ATA website shows that there are 31 stamps that reflect some aspect of the great aviatrix. www.americantopicalassn.org/checklists.shtml

A Big Stamp Saturday

By Bruce Roberts

KPS held its sixth and last swap and purchase Saturday meeting of the year on October 13. Twenty members attended, and sales from the club stock exceeded \$1000. All in a good day's work.



Red boxes, tubs of covers, and numerous albums were set up for the October Saturday meeting.



Visit the KPS web site by scanning the QR code at right.

Plan to attend the KPS holiday lunch on Saturday, December 8.

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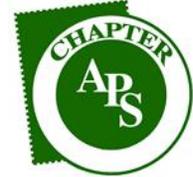
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Were You There?

On October 11, at 11:15 AM, a first day ceremony for new US Christmas stamps took place at The Inn at Christmas Place in nearby Pigeon Forge, TN. This was not widely publicized, or at least I had not heard of it before that day. At the November 6 KPS meeting, I asked if anyone had attended – not a single hand was raised.

The stamps, titled “Sparkling Holidays,” are the latest in the USPS Christmas “secular” stamps and show beautiful artwork from classic Coca Cola advertising of the mid-twentieth century. The four se-tenant designs (below) appear on a sheetlet of 20 stamps and are self-adhesive “Forever” stamps. In addition to the 20-stamp sheetlets, which are available at local post offices, a souvenir sheet was also issued, including a single stamp of the design shown above at lower left, but the souvenir sheet is available only by order from the USPS.



Other holiday stamps are available now, including international forever, religious, Kwanzaa, and Hanukah.

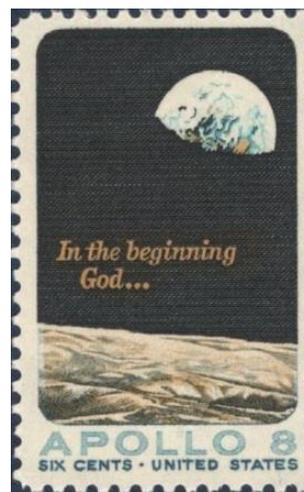


Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

The first flight to the moon occurred 50 years ago this month. Most of us alive at the time remember the flight of Apollo 8, because it was an audacious mission, arriving in lunar orbit on Christmas Eve 1968, where it remained for 20 hours before returning to earth. Only the second crewed flight of the Apollo program, and the first of the full Saturn V launch system, the mission reflected NASA and the country’s confidence in the program.

The crew read from the book of Genesis as the ship orbited the moon and concluded with "from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas and God bless all of you—all of you on the good Earth." Although it wasn't published until after the crew had returned, during the fourth orbit, the crew took a photograph of the earth rising above the lunar surface. Now known as “earthrise” it is widely considered the most famous photograph ever taken.



For the first time people saw the earth, tiny and beautiful, in the dark of space.

The image later appeared on a six cent US stamp (Scott 1371 – at left) and is thought to have contributed to the rise of the environmental movement, and first Earth Day in 1970. As someone noted to the crew, given the upheavals of the previous year, Apollo 8 truly ‘saved 1968’ and made it one of the most memorable years in human history.

David Anderson

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 6, 2018

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for a regular monthly meeting. There were 27 members and 3 guests present. President **David Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes from the last meeting, previously published, were accepted without change. **Thomas Lane** presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of October 2018, the club had cash assets of \$3,806. Receipts for the month were \$4,479, and expenses were \$7,651, for a net cash outflow of \$3,178. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

David Anderson offered to create name tags for members. The 2019 proposed budget will be emailed to members and will be voted on at the December meeting. **Bob Smith** reported that KnoxPEX preparations are in hand, with a full slate of dealers. **Jim Pettway** reported that he updates the website at least weekly and recommended more members log into the KPS Facebook page. **Wes Hayes** announced a half-price sale for nickel stamps. **Tom Broadhead**, APS Ambassador, reported on the new APS website. The 2019 USPS Christmas stamps were issued in Pigeon Forge, TN last month, but were not well promoted. **Don Ashley** announced that the proposal to the USPS for a Tennessee Ernie Ford forever stamp was rejected, but 70 sheets of 50 cent photostamps have been printed, available at \$21.00 per sheet. **Lance Limoges** is coordinating KPS cover sales.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Annual dues are \$15.00.

KPS Officers:

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Requests for information and submissions of articles and short notes of philatelic interest for the newsletter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

The holiday lunch will be at Lakeside Tavern, Saturday, December 8. The Buffet line opens at 11am and closes at noon. We will be emailed for reservations, \$15 per membership and \$25 for guests, payable by cash or check at the event. There will be a small gift exchange.

There will be no fifth Tuesday meeting in December. The January meeting will be Thursday, January 3, 2019. Dues for 2019 are \$12 if paid before December 31; \$15 thereafter.

The program by **Bob Smith** was about selling on E-bay.

Adjournment at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted, John Smartt, Secretary

KPS Executive Board Meeting – November 6, 2018

The Executive Board of the Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, 2018 November 6, for a regular meeting. There were seven members in attendance. President **David Anderson** presided.

Thomas Lane presented the proposed 2019 budget; it was accepted by the board and will be emailed to the membership and voted on at the December, 2018 meeting. The budget includes \$1,000 of previously approved contributions.

The January meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019. A motion by **Jim Pettway** was passed, to provide a \$10 credit for members attending the holiday party; the cost will be \$15 per membership and \$25 for non-member guests. Membership dues will be \$12 for 2019 if paid by December 31; \$15 thereafter.

Adjournment at 6:45.

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Buffet at 11-12 and gift exchange following.

December 31 – Pay your KPS dues by this date to get the 20% renewal discount.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp is the first U.S. Christmas stamp (Scott 1205) issued November 1, 1962. It was the first of many subsequent issues and is from **Joseph Jones** and Foothills Coins & Stamps.

KPS Educational Outreach

By Jim Pettway

After setting a date some 6 or more months ago, the time arrived for a Knoxville Philatelic Society presentation at the Karns Senior Center in Karns. With the help of KPS volunteers, **Tom Broadhead, Mike Downs, Lori Williams**, and me, a tub of club stamps, and a PowerPoint program from the American Topical Association, we did it, October 10. I was hoping for 10 and would have been happy with 1! We had four plus one “new” KPS club member, not only attending but contributing with their stamp collections and questions.

Tom started the program with introductions and a brief history of the KPS. I spoke about collecting, gave the PowerPoint program, and ended with suggestions for starting a topical stamp collection. Mike brought in his album of submarine covers. At least two people found his collection interesting in addition to talking about life on a “sub.” Lori and Tom helped people with questions about their collections, the KPS, as well as topical stamp collecting. Attendees left with a better knowledge of stamp collecting and a good idea of what they had in their personal stamp collections.



Jim Pettway gave a Tennessee trivia on stamps quiz, created by Vera Felts at the American Topical Society, to visitors at the Karns Senior Center. Photo by **Lori Williams**.

It's now on to another Community Awareness Stamp Collecting presentation for a troop of Girl Scouts in Farragut. The presentation is scheduled for January, 2019 – date to be determined.

Tennessee's Flag on Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

One of the other talking points at the program presented at the Karns Senior Center was Tennessee's state flag. It has been featured on two U.S. stamps that illustrated state flags, but the difference between the two designs, notably the position of the stars, is striking (above right).



The 1976 U.S. Bicentennial stamp (Scott 1648, above left) shows the flag with a single star above two stars – the three stars represent the three “grand divisions” of our state – West, Middle, East. In contrast, the 2011 “Flags of Our Nation” coil stamp (Scott 4322, above right) shows two stars above a single star. Which is correct?

A detailed description and historical account of the Tennessee state flag is at the Tennessee Secretary of State's web page - <https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-flag>. The design of the flag was adopted by the General Assembly in 1905 (Chapter 498 of the Public Acts of 1905). The Act states that “The arrangement of the three stars shall be such that the centers of no two stars shall be in a line parallel to either the side or end of the flag, but intermediate between same; and the highest star shall be the one nearest the upper confined corner of the flag.” It is the end of that description that seems to clarify the position of stars – but does it? The 1976 first day cover (below) shows the accepted flag design in the cachet, which contrasts with the design of the stamp. I think that both meet the official description, but it is the two stars above and one below that is the officially accepted design.



First Day Cover for the 1976 incorrect flag stamp with the cachet showing the correct flag.

A Visit to Kelleher

By Bruce Roberts

Daniel L. Kelleher LLC has become the go-to auction house for KPS. They were a sponsor of KnoxPEX 2018 and have pledged to be our principal sponsor of next spring's KnoxPEX 2019. KPS was also featured in Kelleher's quarterly philatelic magazine this year.

This year, we have also been successful bidders in Kelleher's auctions, and our summer purchase of a large U.S. collection resulted in an overwhelming positive purchase response from KPS members.

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Last July, **Thomas Lane**, **Bob Smith**, and I visited the Kelleher offices (below) in Danbury, Connecticut to check some upcoming lots.



Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, and Bob Smith (left to right) at Kelleher.

Bargains in KPS Stock?

By Randy Haese

I attended the Oct. 13th Saturday KPS meeting, mainly to visit friends and exchange some material. While there, I browsed through the boxes of Germany (twice!) before I noticed the stamps pictured (Scott 17, 18, and 20 – below and upper right) and obtained them for the “woefully high price” of \$1.10, \$1.25, and \$4.15. Other than the two with nice socked-on-the-nose cancels (below), no unusual bargains there, right?



My brother, Russ, and I collect Germany and area, and my particular interests include cancels (of early German stamps). We already have many copies of these stamps, but if you look closely, you'll see that they all have the same cancel (excluding date and time) from the German post office in Constantinople, Turkey. These are called "Forerunner" ("Vorläufer" [V]) stamps because they pre-date stamps issued specifically for that region. Only the



cancel differentiates the common usage from the uncommon “Forerunner” usage! In the Michel catalog, these are V19, V20, and V22, which catalog (2015) 80, 80, and 200 € respectively! It wasn't until 1884 that Germany issued specific overprinted stamps for its (post) office there.

So, yes, there are unusual bargains to be found in KPS stock. And maybe there are some for your specialty areas as well!

Honoring Tennessee Ernie Ford

by Don Ashley

February 13, 2019 is the 100th anniversary of Ernie Ford's birth in Bristol, Tennessee. Although it was not possible to get a USPS stamp issued in time, TEF enterprises and Ford's family approved the production of the photo stamp shown below and a commemorative cancel, which has been requested from USPS.



Seventy sheets were printed, and you can purchase from me at a KPS meeting or by mail for \$21 per sheet + shipping – contact me – dwa7@bvu.net or 423-914-0489.



Visit the KPS web site by scanning the QR code at right.

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