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Happy New Year!

I hope that all KPS members are making plans to enhance and expand their collections in 2012. This month, there will be some extraordinary opportunities to do just that.

Check **Bruce Roberts'** note in this newsletter about some incredible bargain prices on stamps from the Muenzer and Henderson collections and from the Regency Auction purchases. As a memorial to Bill Muenzer, who was a dealer at the last AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta, part of the proceeds from sales of his philatelic gems by Regency Auctions will be used to help fund our bus day-trip to AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta on Saturday, January 28. The show is being held in



conjunction with Southeastern Stamp Show, the annual show of the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, of which KPS is a member. Several members have already

signed up and paid the \$20 deposit. There will be dozens of dealers, 5 dollar cover dealers, and hundreds of single frame exhibits. Don't miss this opportunity.

In case you sometimes have a difficult time scheduling your other activities around the KPS meeting schedule, enclosed with this issue is the official KPS calendar for the first third of the year. Thanks go to **Jim Pettway** for coming up with the list of meeting dates and to Jim and **Ralph Dinwiddie** for suggestions about the calendar. Thanks also to Ralph for designing the KPS emblem on our web site – <http://knoxstamps.com>. If you haven't visited our site, do so soon.



Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It is hard to believe the new year will be here again so soon. As we get older, time passes so much quicker so it seems. We had a great holiday party at the Great American Steak & Buffet Restaurant, enjoyed by all. Thanks to our Treasurer **Thomas Lane** for making the arrangements and handling the payments with his usual efficiency. He was also busy collecting dues payments and reservations for the Atlanta bus trip on January 28. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to go to the APS AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo 2012. We will still accept reservations at the January 3 meeting, at \$20.00 a person on a first come basis. You can also contact Thomas directly or mail your deposit to KPS with your dues. Non collector spouses and friends who wish to join us may do so and go shopping at the shopping center in the Cobb Galleria Centre. Your board of directors has decided to use our share of the proceeds from the sale of the Bill Muenzer donation material. Bill's wish was to have the money derived from the sale of his materials be used for the enjoyment of the KPS members. I am sure Bill would be pleased with our decision.

If you plan to attend the APS show, it will save you time if you pre-register for the show online at <http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE>. We will leave Knoxville early on Saturday morning and get home late in the evening. Details on a pick up time and place for the bus will be provided later.

To all our members your club officers wish you a Happy New Year. I hope we all get some philatelic gifts that we can enjoy over the holidays. Be sure and check the many stamp collecting opportunities at club meetings mentioned in this issue and at shows this spring. Don't forget that Knoxpex 2012 will be March 3-4 – save a little money for then. Regards to all,

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 6, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Great American Steak & Buffet on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 for the regular monthly meeting and holiday party. President **Stu Hanlein** presided. There were 18 members and guests present.

Following the dinner, we embarked on the gift exchange, without any “trend,” such as the 9 magnifiers a few years ago. Thanks go to **Jim Pettway** for the following photos.



Many popular gifts were exchanged.

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Originally planned as an event at the dinner, **Joe Kirker's** stamp quiz has been postponed to the February KPS meeting.

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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

January 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program “Club and Show Activities” by **Tom Broadhead**. APS Circuit Sales

January 27-29 – AmeriStamp Expo – APS winter national show in Atlanta. Cobb County Galleria Center, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339. Let us know if you want to go for a charter bus day-trip. Family and friends are welcome, too.

January 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – Board meeting at 6:00, swap and shop at 7:00.

February 7 – KPS monthly meeting – Program “Precancels” by **Stu Hanlein** – preparations for Knoxpex 2012, Joe Kirker's stamp quiz.

March 3-4 – **Knoxpex 2012** – Girl Scouts Centennial commemoration stamp show – Holiday Inn West on Cedar Bluff Road. Saturday, 10-6, Sunday, 10-4.

Stamp of the Month



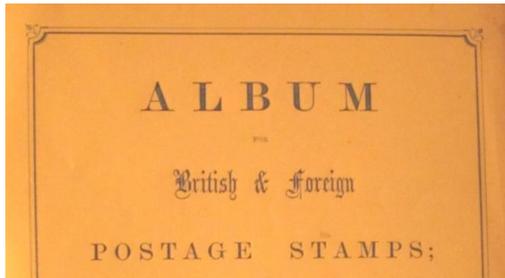
One of the most beautiful stamp issues of post-war Italy was the 1950 issue showing men and women at work. This month's stamp (Scott 557) is the 20 lira value showing a fisherman. Although the Italian lira has now been replaced by the euro, the present day face value, given the euro and US dollar conversion, is

about one US cent. This month's stamp is a gift from **Mike Kauffman** and **Pat Goebel**.

A Bit of Stamp Collecting History

By Charlie Wade

As a stamp collector of almost anything I'm always on the outlook for something unique or unusual. I occasionally purchase previously used albums to start a new country collection or salvage some pre-1940 classics. But a couple of years ago I stumbled across a real treasure at KNOXPEX: a copy of *Oppen's Postage Stamp Album*, which was published in 1875 in London. But I find the interest in the historical and cultural perspective it presents, not necessarily the stamps.



Edward A. Oppen was the creator of one of the first stamp catalogues in English, as well as the author of a number of foreign language textbooks. In *The Stamp-Collector's*

Magazine of October 1867 he was described as a "...classical teacher." In January 1863, Oxford University published the first edition of his *Postage Stamp Album, and Catalogue of British and Foreign Postage Stamps*, which combined, for the first time, a stamp catalogue and stamp album in one book. The publication quickly went through many editions as news of new stamps reached collectors with twenty-four editions published until 1891.

My copy is very worn and tattered, and I keep it together with a strong rubber band. Although I have not found any valuable rarities, it contains over 600 stamps, all which would be defined as classics. The album has pages for 162 stamp issuing entities and lists the land area, population, capital, head of government and currency of each. The pages themselves are laid out to hold 25 stamps in a 5 X 5 arrangement; there are no illustrations, only written descriptions. Oppen's accompanying catalogue lists the "Penny Black" as:

*Great Britain adhesive stamp: oblong, erect:
profile of Queen Victoria to the left;
letters in lower corners. Black 1d.*

The purchase price of the album in 1875 was 2s 6d which is the equivalent of \$9.60 today. In 1875 this 2s 6d was a half day's wages for a craftsman in the building trades.

To give us a glance at history, The United States of "North" America had a population of 42 million in 37 states. General Grant was president, Alexander II was Czar, Napoleon III had recently abdicated, and the sun never set on

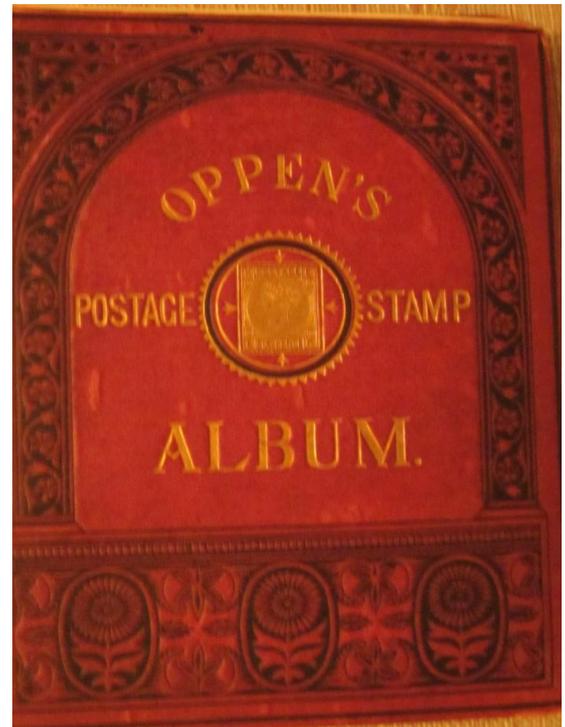


Queen Victoria's empire. Present day Australia was a collection of six colonies: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.

And as a final note, advertisements in the back of the album listed other items published by the same William Stevens Co. including *The Family Herald: A Domestic Magazine of Useful Information and Amusement*, priced at 1d per week. Or for only one shilling there was *A Handbook for Ladies Containing Etiquette for Ladies; Etiquette of Courtship and Marriage; the Language of Flowers; the Toilet; and advice on the Improvement and Preservation of the Skin, Teeth, Eyes, Hair and Feet.*



Now wouldn't that make a lovely anniversary gift!



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 3

Joe Kirker's Stamp Quiz

If you didn't/couldn't find time to try the quiz, which was included in the November KPS news, dust it off now and get ready for the February KPS meeting, where answers will be revealed and winners announced. Joe has donated some spectacular prizes, including the 50c "Baby Zeppelin" shown below and the Monaco imperforate pair. Another prize is the hard-cover, boxed set of Spink Shreves auction catalogs of 2009, beautifully illustrating some of the world's great inverted center stamps.



So, now you have more than a month to pour over your Scott US specialized catalog for the answers to Joe's philatelic brain teasers! Give it a try. If you don't try, your chances of winning are zero, zilch, nil, nada.



Special Prices on Auction and Estate Remainders – January meeting, only!

By Bruce Roberts

KPS members will have a special opportunity to purchase stamps from the Bill Muenzer estate, the Neal Henderson purchase, and the Regency Auction purchases at the January meeting. E-mailed lists of available items were sent to members in early December, and there is a total of \$55,488 catalog value of foreign stamps on sale for a total of \$6090. US stamps for sale catalog \$17,254 and are available for a bargain \$2,722. There are a little more than 1000 lots. You can come to the meeting to purchase or order by e-mail from me.

To order, send me an email at bruceroberts@arkph.com. Include in your e-mail:

1. Your full name (not Bruce R)
2. The Country, catalog number, description as it appears in our lists (we often have more than one of the same catalog number in a country).
3. The price of each item
4. The discounted price calculated from the lists of discounts I sent out earlier this week (recap below)
5. Confirm you will be at the January meeting to pick up the items (no mail sales on this offer, must be present to purchase).

I will pull out the cards with the stamps you want and put them with an invoice in a bag. You pay the invoice and collect the stamps at the January meeting.

Additional discounts for the January meeting attendees only:

- Purchase any stamp, even one selling for 50 cents, and get 10% off the price
- Spend \$10 or more, discount goes to 15%. \$10 marked prices will cost you \$8.50
- Spend \$25 or more and the discount goes to 20%. \$25.00 total marked prices will cost you \$20
- Spend \$50 or more and the discount goes to 25%. \$50.00 total marked prices will cost you \$37.50
- Spend \$100 or more and the discount goes to 30%. \$100.00 total marked prices will cost you \$70.00
- Spend \$250 or more and get a 40% discount. \$250.00 marked prices will cost you \$150.00

2011 APS Sales Circuit Report

By Jim Pettway, APS Sales Circuit Coordinator

In 2011 KPS members had the opportunity to view and purchase from 7 APS Sales circuits. These circuits typically consisted of 16-18 books of stamps, souvenir sheets, booklets and covers. Circuits were available at 13 meetings, including regular monthly meetings, and Saturday and Fifth Tuesday meetings. Total purchases made by KPS members in 2011 totaled \$627.96. Your club paid \$60.80 in return postage plus a yearly \$25 insurance fee to the APS. The next APS Sales circuit will be at our January 3 meeting, followed by another circuit at our Fifth Tuesday meeting January 31. Oh, and thanks to all whom do participate in the APS Sales circuits. In order to keep the circuits coming to us we must purchase a certain dollar in stamps and you are making this possible.



Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 7

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It's **KNOXPEX** time in Tennessee!

As KPS President, **Stu Hanlein** mentions in his column, at this writing, we haven't made the big trip to Atlanta. But, by the time you receive this newsletter, that will be a thing of the past and we will be looking forward to Knoxpex 2012.

Yes, it's time to celebrate the centennial of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and it's too bad that the USPS is not issuing its stamp (shown at left) in February, the actual anniversary. **Ralph Dinwiddie** has designed a great cachet and accompanying postal cancel that features images from the 1962 50th anniversary stamp (below). We will be using those on the cachet, along with flag stamps.



Jim Pettway has a great bourse assembled, including two new dealers, and **Bruce Roberts** is looking for KPS members to "show their stuff" in the exhibit frames. We now have ads in *American Philatelist* and *Linn's Stamp News*. Press releases will soon be sent to area news media, and we'll remind previous Knoxpex visitors with a post card. Knoxpex Show Chair, **Charlie Wade** is keeping track of what needs to be done by whom.

The February KPS meeting will be devoted to Knoxpex updates, and sign-up sheets will be there for volunteers. Don't forget your exhibits and auction lots!!! The necessary forms are in this newsletter, and have been e-mailed to you previously by Jim Pettway.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

As I prepare this message, we have not yet been to the APS stamp show in Atlanta. Going to big shows gives you the opportunity to see a lot of different dealers at one location. When you collect a limited area, such as my precancels, it gives you an open field to search. It also pays to have a back up interest so you can take advantage of this shopping opportunity! I have a worldwide collection that I can find material for if I don't have any success with my primary interest, and I can always look for items cancelled on my birthday!

Our **KNOXPEX** is a miniature version of the APS show with fewer dealers and exhibits, but having a collecting strategy helps me to get the most out of our show as well. Be sure that you save the dates of March 3 and 4 for **KNOXPEX 2012**. Please get your exhibit forms in to Bruce Roberts and put together your auction items and get the forms filled in and returned to Jim Pettway as soon as possible. Please remember that we want your auction lots turned in on Friday afternoon, March 2nd, if possible, or before 9:00 on Saturday morning. It is so much better to have the lots ready for display when the attendees start to arrive. We will be auctioning the 5 Scott's Stamp Albums that we have been selling stamps from, and there are still plenty of stamps left in them—mostly the cheaper ones that the dealers can't afford to handle—but they are here!

Please wear your **KPS logo** shirt to the show. Dealers will know that our members are supporting the show and visitors may ask you questions about our club. It is good public relations and may help recruit a few members. We will be asking everyone to help out at our next meetings with KNOXPEX 2012 related materials, so please lend a hand. And, we will have loads of stamps from our club lots for your review at upcoming meetings

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 3, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 19 members present. The meeting was called to order by President **Stu Hanlein**. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report. The current club accounts total \$11,619.32.

The following business items were discussed. The December Christmas party was deemed a success and all enjoyed. Members seemed to concur that the Great American Buffet was a good location for such KPS ventures. The club will sponsor a bus trip to the 2012 AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta on Saturday, January 28. We currently have 10 reserved spots with a potential for 5 – 6 more. January 10 is the deadline to give the bus company a headcount. Details of departure time and meet location will be distributed by email.

Jim Pettway once again addressed membership in the American Topical Association and had membership applications available. He also discussed the possibilities for membership in the American First Day Cover Society. KPS has an opportunity to become a chapter of each organization if enough of our membership joins.

Charlie Wade gave a brief recap of the upcoming KnoxPex 2012. **Jim Pettway** spoke of the Knoxville Public library having sets of the Scott catalogues available for checkout. **Stu Hanlein** presented the idea of the club buying a set for the members. This will be discussed further in the future.

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Following the business meeting, the program was a “Show & Tell” in which several members told of philatelic items they had received at Christmas or recently obtained. After adjournment the KPS stamp lots were available for review and purchase.

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary

Bill Muenzer honored by Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia

The Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia dedicated its Fall 2011 stamp show to the memory of KPS member and dealer, Bill Muenzer. Thanks to **Steve Daunt** for sending this information to the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

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March 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program “What I found at Knoxpex 2012!”

March 10-11 – Nashville Stamp Show 2012 – 2416 Music Valley Drive, Suite 144. Saturday, 10-6, Sunday 10-4. www.nashvillephilatelic.org.

April 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – “Precancels” by **Stu Hanlein**.

Stamp of the Month

This month's “stamp” is not what most of us would think of as a stamp – but it is. Our resident “Revenuer,” **Bruce Roberts** has donated examples of Revenue Stamped Checks from the 1880's.



“Check” out Bruce's article on the next page to find out some interesting U.S. history reflected in these interesting pieces of postal history.

United States Two-Cent Revenue Stamped Paper

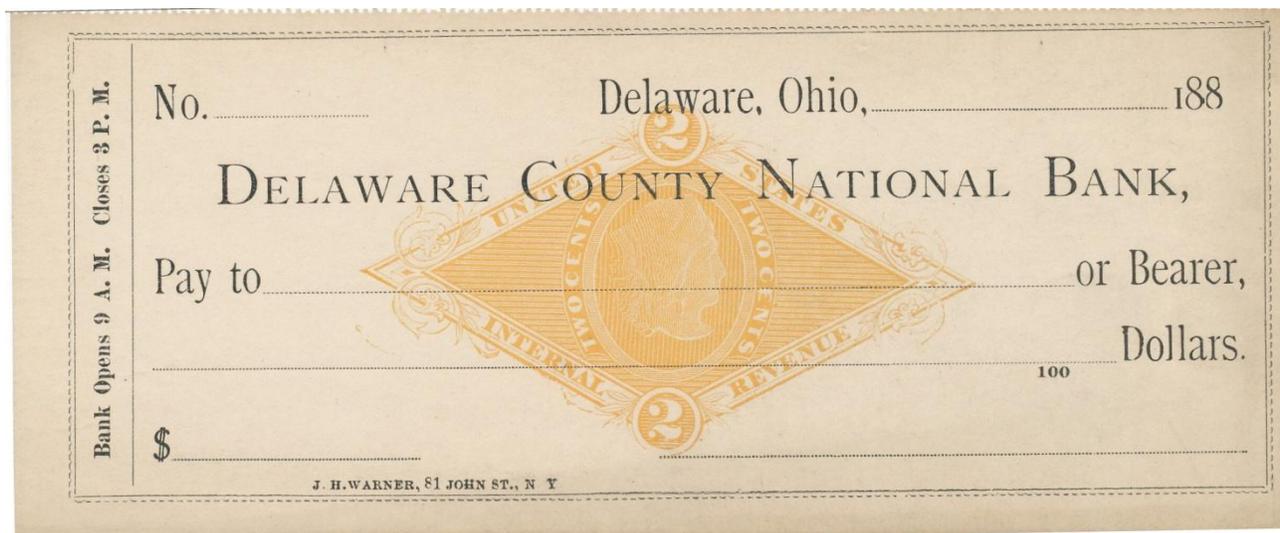
By Bruce Roberts

Revenue stamped paper was created as part of the revenue-raising effort by the Union to pay for the Civil War. A tax of 2 cents per check was levied by act of Congress in July 1862. The tax could be paid by use of adhesive revenue stamps, and the “Bank Check” revenue stamps were issued for this purpose. However, there soon was demand for checks with the tax pre-paid and printed into the check design to speed their use and eliminate the need to keep up with separate sheets of stamps. The first design was printed and distributed in 1865. The tax remained in effect until 1883, and was revived to help pay for the Spanish American War in 1898.

There are 14 different designs printed between 1865 and 1883, and one additional design printed in 1898. Each design exists in several colors and varieties, so there are over 100 different collectible items. Many are rare and expensive. However 9 of the Civil War era designs plus the 1898 issue have at least one variety that catalogs \$10 or less, so a nice collection can be formed inexpensively.

In this newsletter about two years ago, I related that I “bought the horde” in Richmond, VA at the APS national stamp show. The “horde” was thousands of bank checks from the 19th century, most serviced with either a revenue adhesive stamp, or used with Revenue stamped paper. I have recently finished going through that purchase, plus another 19th century check purchase I made in the 1990s and had never worked up. As most readers know, I collected full dates on revenues, trying to collect as many different dates as I can. From these purchases I added about 1300 new dates to my collection, including several hundred on revenue stamped paper. And ... I have lots left over!

So for the stamp of the month this month, I am supplying each club member with an example of revenue stamped paper. I am providing some of each of the Scott catalog numbers RN-D1, RN-G1, and RN-X6 or X7. You have the challenge of determining which design you have received from the Scott US Specialized Catalog. Hope this piques your interest in this area of collecting!



Unused example of Scott RN-G1

KPS becomes ATA Chapter

Thanks to KPS member **Bev Rice**, who sponsored several KPS members to join the American Topical Association, we are now an ATA Chapter. Benefits to the club include access to the ATA handbooks in a wide variety of topical stamp collecting areas and information about KPS that will appear in the ATA journal, *Topical Time*, published bimonthly.

Learn more about the American Topical Association and the many benefits it offers members and chapters online at <http://www.americantopicalassn.org>.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 7

It's *SHOWTIME!!*

The February KPS meeting will be our last chance as a group to discuss plans for Knospex 2012. Put on your thinking cap, bring your creative thoughts, and don't forget a pen and sign up to volunteer. And have fun at the show!

Please volunteer to help at Knospex. At the February meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for volunteers to help at the registration table, beginner tables, and the live auction. If you can't make it to the February meeting, but want to volunteer – just check in with Show Chair, **Charlie Wade** when you get to the show.

Please exhibit at Knospex. Included in this newsletter is the exhibit form. Exhibits chair **Bruce Roberts** is looking forward to having many members' exhibits at the show. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Bruce at bruceroberts@arkph.com.

Please get your lots ready for the Knospex live auction. Included in this newsletter is the auction form – KPS members can offer as many as 15 lots. Auctioneers **Tom Broadhead** and **Bruce Roberts** will need volunteers to move lots from the show table to the auctioneers and then to the sale table. More volunteers will be needed to record final bids. Come to the show early on Saturday to get a copy of the auction list and examine lots that you may want to bid on that night.

Shop the great dealers at Knospex. Bourse Chair, **Jim Pettway** has assembled a super group of dealers, some of whom will be first-timers at our show. Here they are:

B & W. Stamp Co. - Bill Vance
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Joelton, TN 37080
615-584-4264
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Charlotte, NC 28216
Email: Tcrumbley2@bellsouth.net
Covers

C & D Philatelics
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Ruby, VA 22545-0158
Email: chamil302@aol.com
Worldwide Covers

The Classic Philatelist - Warren Manning
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Crossville, TN 38555
760-724-6300 cell
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Email: rbargerltd@yahoo.com

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Email: klingsor88@hotmail.com
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We're Number 1!

That popular saying has many connotations for KPS members. It refers to our hobby, and I think it is relevant to our club.

The January 30 issue of Linn's Stamp News headlined on page 4, "Stamps are No.1, collecting site reports." The article, by Linn's editor, Micael Baadke, discusses a report by "Wikicollecting" - <http://en.wikicollecting.org> - that claims Stamp Collecting to be the most popular hobby, worldwide. I was not familiar with the wikicollecting web site, but have found it to be an interesting one that is begging for content. The stamp collecting link includes a place where stamp-collecting countries are listed. Just a few, so far, have nice descriptions of the history of their stamps and postal services. I hope that many enterprising writers will post more. It does have nice photos of three iconic stamps.



The number 1 of number 1's, Great Britain Penny Black, the two penny Mauritius "Post Office" (instead of post paid), and the Sweden three skilling banco error of color are all shown there.

And, I think KPS rates a big #1 for what it offers its members. Not the least are our stamp offerings - APS Circuits, Regency Auction lots, gifts and the Muenzer estate. On display at KnoxPex 2012 this year will be a nice used copy of the Great Britain Penny Black, and this could become yours! At the KPS April meeting, we will draw from **all members' names** for the winner of this stamp! (You don't have to be there to win.)

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

By the time this bulletin gets to you, KNOXPEX will be over and we will all be able to relax and have a critique of our show. I wish to thank **Charlie Wade** for stepping up as chairman this year. His penchant for organization and delegation of responsibilities was really appreciated. One thing we learn about KNOXPEX every year is that it is never too early to start planning!

One of the main reasons that our club is doing so well is that we are fortunate enough to have so many talented people who are willing to give of their time to support our club activities. Speaking of support, elections will be coming up in MAY, and **Ralph Dinwiddie**, our nominations committee chairman, will be calling on the membership to serve as officers for next year. Please make this an easy job for him by volunteering to serve.

Volunteer to be a KPS officer!

We are always looking for new ideas for our programs and activities. The bus to Atlanta for the APS show has generated interest in the club members attending other shows in a reasonable one day trip. Maybe a carpooling adventure if we don't have a very large group. I think those who attended an APS show for the first time found that there is so much to be gained from their attendance with so many dealers and exhibits. I was particularly pleased to see so many of our people wearing their logo shirts and putting in an advertisement for KPS. We have a great club here and we should all be proud of our accomplishments. See you all at the next meeting.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – February 7, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 21 members and guest present. Prior to the business meeting members looked through many KPS lots for sale. President **Stu Hanlein** presided. He welcomed new member **Alan Griswald** to the meeting.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented in the February newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report which showed a current balance in all KPS accounts of \$12,930.16. Thomas reported a detailed accounting of the sale of club lots. The club earned a profit of \$296.04 in 2009; \$116.09 in 2011, and \$1,009.81 in 2011. In addition we still have thousands of dollars in stamp inventory for future sale.

Charlie Wade gave an update of the status of activities for the upcoming KnoxPex 2012. All items seem to be on schedule. A list for volunteer sign-off was passed around. The next Saturday meeting will be February 18 at the Halls library. For the program, **Tom Broadhead** presented the "American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Seminar on Club Activities & Shows". Tom had presented this at ChicagoPex in October 2011.

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting – January 31, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society officers and directors convened for the quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. President Stu Hanlein presided. The following board members were present: **Stu Hanlein, Tom Ringenbach, Thomas Lane, Charlie Wade, Ralph Dinwiddie, Charles Stinnett, Bruce Roberts, Dave Warfel**. Members **Jim Pettway** and **Tom Broadhead** also were present.

The following business items were discussed and appropriate action taken. (1) **Charlie Wade** led the discussion of the status of tasks for KnoxPex 2012. (2) **Stu Hanlein** recapped the bus trip to Atlanta for the 2012 AmeriStamp Expo. All those participating enjoyed the trip. The board and membership will discuss similar trips in the future. (3) The next Saturday meetings will be February 18 and April 21. **Stu Hanlein** and **Barbara Steverson** will investigate possible meeting sites. (4) The board authorized the KPS Purchasing Team of **Bruce Roberts** and **Thomas Lane** to spend up to \$3,000 at the upcoming March Regency Auction for the club "resale" stamp inventory.

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Upcoming Events

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March 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program "What I found at Knoxpex 2012!"

March 10-11 – Nashville Stamp Show 2012 – 2416 Music Valley Drive, Suite 144. Saturday, 10-6, Sunday 10-4. www.nashvillephilatelic.org.

April 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – "Precancels" by **Stu Hanlein**.

April 21 – KPS Saturday meeting – Place TBA

Stamp of the Month

This month's "stamp" helps us commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts (officially March 12). It is the 5 cent 1957 stamp of the Philippines for the World Camp (Scott 637). Note that the year 1857, mentioned in the Scott catalog as the beginning of scouting – is incorrect! So, it's a bit of an oddity. These stamps were part of Bill Muenzer's stamp stock that was given to the KPS.



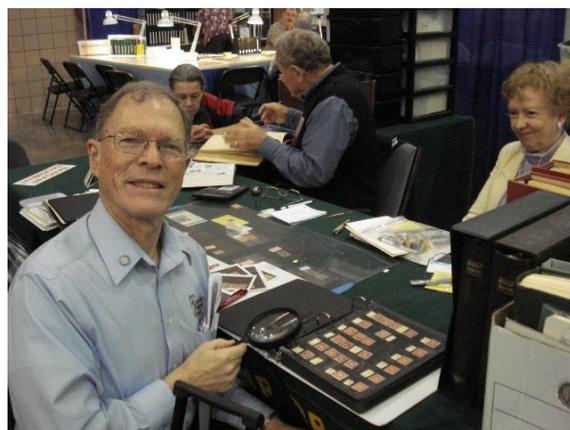
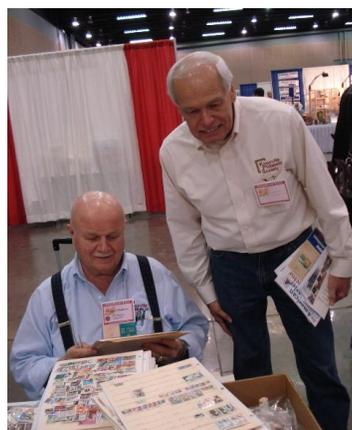
KPS at AmeriStamp Expo 2012

By Tom Broadhead

Last year, KPS board and members began pursuing the idea of chartering a bus to AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta – a great opportunity for members to visit a national stamp show and leaving the driving to someone else! Thanks to **Bruce Roberts** for working with a friend at Knoxville’s “Chariots of Hire,” and **Stu Hanlein** for being Sergeant-at-Arms on the bus to keep the reveling philatelists in order. But, above all, thanks to the generosity of **Bill Muenzer**, whose estate gift to the club made this a financial reality. Bill was a dealer at the last Atlanta AmeriStamp Expo, and the club trip is a memorial to him.



The intrepid group of 17 getting on the bus beginning about 6 am arrived around 10. No delays at the registration table, where **Pat Goebel** and **Ron and Jo Mynatt** were waiting to get name tags. Many wore their KPS logo shirts.



KPS members included **Warren Manning**, who was a dealer there. **Stu Hanlein** and **Charlie Wade** poured over huge collections of stamps, and **Bruce Roberts** checked dates on U.S. revenues.



Charles Stinnett kept shopping, **Ron Mynatt** had a spill and a little time recuperating, and **Rich Kaplan**, **Gerald Schroedl**, **Jim Pettway**, **Charlie Wade**, and **Tom Broadhead** stopped for a photo. Why weren't they buying stamps?

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 6

KPS Board Minutes *(continued from page 2)*

(5) Ralph Dinwiddie will head the nominating committee for the next term KPS officers. Nominations will be presented at the April meeting and with election in May. (6) The club's "Nickel Albums" will be offered for auction at KnoxPex. Members have had one year to review the contents for purchase. (7) The board authorized \$25 for membership in the Tennessee Postal History Society. A payment of \$35 for annual dues for the Southeastern Federation of stamp clubs was approved. (8) Tom Ringenbach noted the schedule for programs through April of this year.

The board meeting was followed by the informal 5th Tuesday meeting

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary

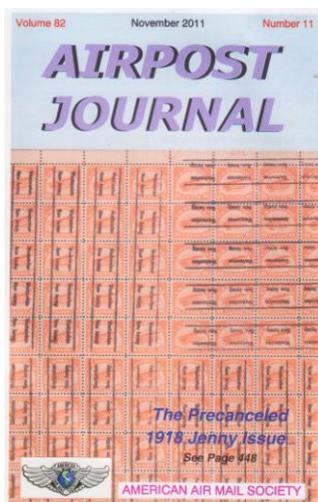
More from AmeriStamp Expo



Jim Pettway and **Pat Goebel** looked through a dealer's stock, as did **Tom Ringenbach**. The bus loaded up after the show and a quick dinner for the trip back to Knoxville. There was already talk about planning a similar trip in the future – maybe to the Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta next January.

First Issue Airmail Precancels

by Joe Kirker (editor's note – this information is excerpted from Joe's recent cover article in the *Airpost Journal*.)



"Sometime in the early 1960's the opportunity came along to visit various Chicago stamp dealers and, having saved about \$10 from odd jobs, the hunt was on to fill a lot of spaces in my album. One old dealer, Sid Shayman, had a tiny, overcrowded second-story shop. He kindly sensed that this young collector was in awe of all of his material and was helpful in the information he shared. Although I was hoping to secure the most philatelic 'volume' for my savings and fill out more album pages, he had on display a beautiful set of the United States first airmail issue, all with matching Superior, Wis., precancels. The price was about \$15. Shayman's special price to me would be only \$10 – a huge price to pay for three stamps, but the beautiful colors and



Figure 1. The set of precanceled airmails (Superior, Wis.) that started the author's love affair with U.S. first-issue airmails.

Curtiss Biplanes were simply too much to resist. At that point the 'philatelic love affair' was on!"

Read Joe's article and come to next month's KPS meeting to learn more about precancels from Stu Hanlein.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 3

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Loss of two Friends

Our friends and fellow KPS members, **Beverly Rice**, passed away on March 5 from a heart attack and **Elaine Evans** passed away on Saturday, March 17, only a few days after suffering a stroke. Bev was one of our out of state members from Marietta, Georgia. Elaine was curator at the Frank H. McClung Museum at UT, where her particular interests were the Egyptian gallery and the Decorative Arts exhibits. Both had come to the stamp collecting hobby in just the last few years, and each made significant contributions to the success of KPS.



Bev and Tom Broadhead at Southeast Stamp Show in 2010. Elaine at the opening of the McClung Museum exhibit on Napoleon in Egypt.

Last year, Bev initiated the KPS membership in the American Topical Society by sponsoring three KPS members, allowing us to become a club member of ATA. She was an avid collector of French stamps, a high school friend of **Bill Muenzer**, and an exhibitor of the work of French stamp designer Edmund Dulac at Knoxpex 2011.

Elaine was author of two KPS Newsletter articles, "Greetings from the Suez Canal – 1904" (September 2007) and "Shepherd's Hotel – Cairo" (January 2011). She was actively involved in KPS meetings and as a lifelong learner, had the gift of an inquisitive nature. She will be missed at our monthly meetings.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It is my pleasure to report that our KNOXPEX 2012 was a rousing success from start to finish. We had to fight off the elements as we set up the dealers between tornado warnings and heavy rain storms. Our auction was aided greatly by sellers getting their lots to us on Friday, so we were ready to go when the show opened Saturday morning! We auctioned off close to 200 lots in less than 2 hours thanks to our speedy auctioneers—**Tom Broadhead & Bruce Roberts**. **Russ & Randy Haese** did their usual great job with the beginners' table, which was always busy. Hats off to **Charlie Wade** for an excellent job as chairman and to all of our club members who helped make this show a success. **Jim Pettway** did such a good job with the bourse that most of the dealers are signing up for next year already! Now, on to KnoxPex 2013!!

We are continuing to purchase stamps for sale to you at reduced prices and I hope **Bruce Roberts** and **Thomas Lane** will have some new items for our April meeting. They will be attending the Regency Auction in St. Louis in mid-March, looking for our kind of stamps. I look forward to seeing what they are able to acquire.

When you get this newsletter, you will find a Belgian precanceled stamp as your stamp of the month. Please bring it to the April meeting. I will present a talk on foreign precancels, and we will see what these stamps are worth according to the *International Precancel Catalog*. There are more precancelled stamps from Belgium than any other foreign country, as more than half of the catalog is devoted to them. Hopefully, you will be able to recognize them when you see them after our discussion.

Be sure to attend our April meeting, as we will have our nominating committee, chaired by **Ralph Dinwiddie**, presenting the slate of officers for next year.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 6, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. **Stu Hanlein** presided. There were 21 members present. Stu started the meeting by introducing three new members: **Mike Downs, Steve Grisham** and **Carl Schmidt**. **Scott Robertson** was recognized as a previous member now renewing.

The minutes of the February will be published in the upcoming newsletter and any corrections should be forwarded to the secretary. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report which was approved. The club's current accounts total \$14,766.24.

The only item of business was a discussion of the recent KnoxPex 2012 lead by **Charlie Wade**. It was deemed a success by all. Registered Attendance totaled 128 but was noted that many people attending on Sunday did not register and several KPS members failed to register. At the show there were five new members joining and four membership renewals. Thomas Lane reported that the event was better than break-even from a financial standpoint and he will provide a detailed accounting at a later date. The KPS team leaders for finance, facilities, bourse, exhibits, beginners' area, cachet, registration and publicity recounted the performance and observations in those areas.

During the discussions, club members were asked to provide written comments on observations and ideas

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for future events. **Charlie Wade** will consolidate this list which will be used in planning KnoxPex 2013. **Scott Robertson** volunteered to develop an operating plan to be used for future KnoxPex events. Next year's event will be March 2 & 3, 2013. Planning for this event should start this summer.

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary

Disaster Mail is the Winner at KnoxPex 2012

Eight great single-frame exhibits by five exhibitors greeted guests to KnoxPex 2012. Included were exhibits of Civil War postal history, classic US stamps and revenues, US airmails and beer stamps, and a thematic on Queen Elizabeth II. But, it was **Thomas Lane's** new exhibit – “Did Not Arrive Intact,” that won the most popular award at the end of the show. Tattered, water-stained, singed, torn, taped – those are the “quality” features of Thomas's Canadian covers that had survived all manner of delivery problems, ranging from a ship explosion to being dropped in a mud puddle. Maybe we'll see a selection in an upcoming news article. Congratulations, Thomas.

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Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp in your newsletter is one of an assortment donated by KPS president, **Stu Hanlein**. As he mentions in his column this month, these are “precancelled” stamps of Belgium. There are several different types of overprinted precancels, so you need to bring your copy to the April KPS meeting to find out more. The example shown here is printed on the 3 centime stamp showing King Albert I and issued in 1922 (Scott 146). The inscription, along with that of the stamp is in both official languages: Flemish (Bruxelles) and French (Brussel).



KnoxPex 2012 – Oh, what a show!

Photos by Charlie Wade

This year's KnoxPex show appears to have been a success any way you look at it.



Before the show opened on Saturday, **Tom Ringenbach** (background) was busy getting the registration table organized, while our postal clerk, Travis was ready for the crowd – and sold more than twice what had been sold in 2011. **Ralph Dinwiddie** (cachet and cancel), **Tom Broadhead** (publicity), and **Jim Pettway** (bourse) were hoping all bases had been covered. **Randy** and **Russ Haese** brought many items and excellent advice for beginners, and hosted more than the year before at their table.



Dealers **Len Curtis**, **Fred Brafford**, and **Bill Vance** took a brief, preshow break before heading to their tables in the busy KnoxPex bourse. We were fortunate to have one girl scout attend. On Saturday night, **Tom Broadhead** and **Bruce Roberts** auctioned more than 200 lots, with most selling, and some unsold lots purchased the next morning at the show.



The bourse was busy all day Saturday and had more than the usual thin crowd on Sunday. **Len Curtis** (left, foreground) kept a busy table, as did **Bill Vance** (left, background). Don't forget that Bill will have a bourse in Knoxville in late August. KPS dealer member **Warren Manning** (right) also stayed busy, and had KPS members (left to right) **Carl Glasgow**, **Joe Kirker**, and **Paul Wennermark** at his table.

It's time to start thinking about Knoxpex 2013. The board and Knoxpex committee is working on an organizational plan – so be thinking about possible show themes and how you can pitch in and volunteer for next year's show – same place, same weekend!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 3

Cover collectors, rejoice! KPS has covers for sale!

By Bruce Roberts

If you are a cover collector, you may have felt overlooked in the stamp purchasing frenzy the KPS has done the last three years. We bought mostly stamp collections with just a few covers. Well, our latest purchase was made with you in mind. As you can see, we purchased a tub full of covers (100's) from a dealer at KnoxPex. And the best part is, they are only 50 cents each! The covers range from the 1880s to the 1970s, and include naval covers, registered items, as well as first days and other interesting collectibles. Come see these at the April meeting !



Knoxville's Most Famous Fancy Cancel + 1

By Bruce Roberts

While working at the East Tennessee History Center examining family correspondences, I found two different "Horse Head" Cancellations. The cancel in figure 1 appears on a letter in June, 1867. The different cancel in figure 2 appears on a letter in August 1867. This second horse head is identified in the book "19th Century Fancy Cancellations" by Herst & Sampson as cancel #1412. However, the June cancel has not yet been described in the literature.



Note that among other differences, the newly discovered cancel (left) has an open mouth.

Are Classics Still Classics? And a French Oddity

By Tom Broadhead

Below are images of pairs of French stamps that were offered at auction recently. The first is an unused "tête-bêche" pair (one inverted with respect to the other – pronounced "tet besh"). It is of the 1849 issue and is one of the most famous items in French philately, selling for approximately \$218,000 in May of 2010. What a shock that it was offered in a sale in October 2011 and sold for only \$109,350!! Don't blame the economy. Things were looking up by then.



The second example is of the 1876, common 5 centime stamp, but imperforate with an inverted overall second printed image. It sold for about \$200 – not too bad, because this is classified as "printer's waste," not a printing error. Keep your eye out for bargains and unusual stamps!



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A Little Traveling

Stamps are a wonderful way that all of us can travel the world and enjoy the culture, nature, and history of other lands. I enjoy being in different places, even if I don't always enjoy the journeys to get there. Recently, Vincent Sica, a coworker at UT and his wife Natasha were headed to Russia to visit her family. He asked if I wanted a souvenir. Of course!! I asked him to stop at a post office and purchase about 100 low denomination, 1 kopek stamps, that I could use as stamps of the month. What a shock when about a week later I get a phone call. "Hey, it's Vincent. I'm at a post office. I can get you a dollar's worth of 1 kopek stamps, but it would be several hundred stamps. Do you really want that many?" We agreed on 30 kopek stamps, and they are this month's stamp of the month.

As I work on the newsletter in early April, I'm also getting ready for a week's trip to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from April 14-20. I'll be recruiting some of the best Saudi students, along with representatives from more than 500 other universities, worldwide. Of course, I hope to get to a post office for more stamps of the month!



Then, I'll be in Beijing, China for about 4 weeks in late June and early July, working with students at Tsinghua University who are refining their English language skills. I know that I will have some stamp shopping opportunities then and look forward to great food, lots of bicycle riding, and spectacular sightseeing.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It is hard to believe, but this is my last message to the KPS club members as your president. I have enjoyed 2 years in office, but it is time for some new blood to take over. It has been a major objective for me to continue the philosophy fostered by former President **Ralph Dinwiddie** of having stamps as the main thrust of our club. We have expanded purchases of collections which we offer our members at a substantial discount. This has been made possible by **Bruce Roberts** and **Thomas Lane**, who attend major auctions and purchase stamps, which Bruce catalogs and prices. One benefit of this activity was our ability to charter a bus to the APS show in Atlanta. The club also benefited from donations made by **Bill Muenzer**. We all miss Bill and his shop, but the club has taken up slack, thanks in part to his generosity.

I thank all of the officers and board members for their support and am pleased to see new faces "volunteering.". The club has a few people who really deserve our wholehearted thanks for the efforts they put forth. In addition to Bruce and Thomas, I commend **Tom Broadhead** and **Ralph Dinwiddie** for their efforts with our award winning monthly bulletin. **Jim Pettway** is Mr. Reliable, emailing to get out news and updates. **Charlie Wade** not only takes great notes but did a wonderful job organizing KNOXPEX 2012 which, with the help of all of our club members, was a great success.

One more event that has helped the club serve more members is the Saturday meetings, which allow club members who are unable to attend Tuesday meetings to enjoy more club benefits. I want to thank all members who have pitched in to make our club what it is today—the best club ever! Be sure to keep the stamps flowing and wear your logo shirts when you attend shows. I am proud to have served you for the past 2 years and look forward to the future with great expectations.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 3, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. **Stu Hanlein** presided. There were 22 members present. John Tolloch, a guest from the Holston Stamp Club, was introduced and spoke about the upcoming HolPex show.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$11,564.19 in all accounts, was approved.

The report from the nominating committee included the following nominations for officers:

President - **Tom Ringenbach**

Secretary - **Charlie Wade**

Treasurer - **Thomas Lane**

Board Member - **Jim Pettway**

Charles Stinnett and **Dave Warfel** will remain on the board. Our new member, **Bob Smith** volunteered to fill the remaining board position. We also need a volunteer to take the position of vice president - Anyone?? **Tom Broadhead** moved, and it was seconded, that we accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed. The election will be at the May KPS meeting

In new business, our newsletter and cachet printer has died. **Ralph Dinwiddie** has been searching for a new one. Several models were discussed, and it was voted to give Ralph discretion to purchase one.

Stu Hanlein presented a delightful program on precancels (what else?) and it was enjoyed by all. Some brought their precancel that was in the newsletter to see if they had a valuable one.

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Following the program, members returned to perusing the boxes and stacks and books of covers, stamps, and philatelic miscellany available for purchase through the club. We have a huge amount of material available, be sure and find yours before it is gone!

Submitted by **Jo Mynatt**, acting recording secretary

Muenzer Cover Lots in June Regency Auction

By Bruce Roberts

Six lots of covers will conclude the sale of **Bill Muenzer's** estate at the June 8-10 Regency Stamp Auction in St. Louis. The catalog is now online at <http://www.regencystamps.com/catalog.aspx>, and the



lots are numbers 2826, 2829, 2837, 2839, 2855, and 2872. Aggregate estimates total \$1900-2300, and the total minimum for the six lots is \$550. At left is one of the stars of the collection, estimated at

\$500.

Upcoming Events

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May 8 – KPS monthly meeting – Officer Elections. Program – “APS Headquarters – an Overview and Discussion” – by **Charlie Wade**.

May 12 – HolPex 2012 at the YWCA in Bristol, TN, 106 State St. 10 am – 5 pm.

May 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, swap and shop with APS Circuit Sales Books, new Regency Auction lots at 7:00

June 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – “The Great Sphinx on Stamps” – **Elaine Evans** memorial lecture – by **Tom Broadhead**.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp in your newsletter is the 30 kopek Russian definitive stamp issued in 2008 and mentioned in the editor's column this month. It depicts a red fox and is one of a series showing wildlife of Russia. The current exchange rate is about 3 US cents to one Russian ruble, so the face value of these is about 1 cent US. One interesting feature of this stamp is the “syncopated perforation,” showing large elliptical perforations at the sides of the stamp. Syncopated perforations have been used by many countries, including Britain, today.



Carnival of the Animals

By Tom Broadhead

For the last twenty-five years of my philatelic life I have been mostly a postal history and cover collector, with several interests in France. And, for most of my life I have enjoyed music, especially classical. If I'm driving and turn on WUOT public radio, I'll try to play "name that tune." When the American Philatelic Society held its first YouTube stamp video competition two years ago, I saw an opportunity to combine my love of stamps and classical music – and share the combination with the world.

I now have 9 videos on my YouTube "channel" – tomwb50 – and continue to work on more. My first attempt was setting a series of stamps showing fossils to the short musical piece, "The Fossils," from the orchestral suite, "Carnival of the Animals," created by French composer, Camille Saint-Saens in 1886. The entire composition is not much more than 20 minutes, but it consists of 14 parts, and 13 of those evoke images of different types of animals. My goal is to produce a stamp music video for each part, and at this moment I have completed 4 with 10 to go! Here are the themes of the 14 parts and some stamps that I have used or will use in my project.



Part 1 – Introduction and Royal March of the Lions; Part 2 – Hens & Cockerels (completed this year); Part 3 – Wild Asses (completed this year); Part 4 – Tortoises; Part 5 – The Elephant (I hope to complete this in May).



Part 6 – Kangaroos; Part 7 – Aquarium (I learned a little bit about animation and completed this last year); 8 – Persons with Long Years; Part 8 – The Cuckoo in the Depths of the Forest; Part 10 – Aviary.



Part 11 – Pianists; Part 12 – Fossils (my first attempt, completed two years ago); Part 13 – The Swan; and Part 14 – Finale (I'll save this for last and add a flurry of stamps from all the others).



I like to end my Carnival videos with a surprise – a dinosaur road crossing in Fossils, a great white shark devouring other fish in Aquarium, a chicken giving birth to a soccer ball in Hens & Cockerels, and a puppet mule in Wild Asses. It's another way to learn more about stamps, topics, and countries.

Pursuing this project has led me into the area of topical stamp collecting, and I recently joined, as did several other KPS members, the American Topical Society. I spend more time at stamp shows filling my musical want lists, trying to find animal images old and new and from a wide range of countries and colonies. I also use eBay and Delcampe online auctions as places to search for the animal stamps I need – and use those internet sites to help build my want lists or to purchase stamps.

I hope that KPS members will take the APS-YouTube Challenge and enter this year's video competition. It closes on May 31, and all the information you need is at <http://stamps.org> – and click on the YouTube icon at the right. Check out my videos at <http://youtube.com> and enter tomwb50 in the search box to get to my channel. Enjoy!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 1

Our Latest Purchasing Trip to Regency Auctions

By Bruce Roberts

Every stamp auction is different, but also much the same. **Thomas Lane** and I drove to St. Louis on March 18, enduring rain from Paducah KY to St. Louis. Thomas had gotten us a room at the show hotel. We actually got there with one hour left to begin looking at auction lots. It rained on and off the whole time we were there, but our attention was directed elsewhere.

When we go to purchase stamps for the club, there are 3 criteria that a lot must meet before we will bid on it. 1. It must contain stamps at least some of our club members collect and need for their collections. 2. It must not duplicate material we already have in the club stock. 3. We must be able to purchase it for an amount that allows us to resell it to the club members for 10%-25% of catalog. This March sale posed a challenge. There were only 31 worldwide lots, and some of them were very specialized, containing proofs and other items not collected by our members. The opening bids for several exceeded the amount we had to spend right from the beginning. Thomas and I went through all the worldwide lots and realized we would have to look also at the US only and Single country or Region (e.g., Latin America) lots to find ones that met our criteria. Unlike at Columbus, where there were great lots everywhere I looked, this was a real grind. In the end, though we did purchase lots that met all three criteria.

We purchased two US lots. One was a small lot of blocks of 4 and Plate Blocks, including some nice back of the book lots such as QE1, QE2, and QE3. (Those sold to KPS members within 15 minutes of opening the sales books on April 3). The second lot contained 1920s & 30s Plate Blocks along with some nice singles from the same period. These two lots together cost about \$365 (prices include 17% buyers commission). In the countries, we purchased a super nice Brazilian unused collection for \$816. We have several members who specialize in Brazil, and several more worldwide collectors who will find a much here for their collections. We purchased a nearly complete collection of Berlin, most NH. This area has been ignored of late, and we bought the lot for \$526.50, much less than the \$900 estimate Regency had on it. As we got to the end of the country lots we “threw in” a bid for a Vatican collection, in three volumes. The collection was estimated at \$300-\$400, but we got it for \$257. After



bidding hot and heavy for several worldwide collections, we purchased a lot for \$936 with a heavy emphasis on covers. The owner of the lot was apparently South African, so there are many South African and related stamps and covers. There were many letters from South Africa to the US and several from the US to South Africa, with lots of nice modern postal history. There were over 20 “Dear Doctor” covers from all over the world to South Africa. When I priced the covers at net prices between \$0.50 and \$5.00, or in a box at 25 cents each, the covers alone will retail in



the club for \$617. Near the end of the sale we bought a worldwide Souvenir Sheets lot for \$526. This was the easiest lot for me to work up, with SS cataloging up to \$260, and its priced out at \$587 for KPS members. And there are many more, including some excellent classic Canada and Great Britain.

As of April 8, I had lotted \$4033.17 in items for sale, including the covers. This adds new dimensions to our stamp stock in many areas.

Penny Postcards from Your Past

By Stu Hanlein

Check out images of picture postcards from your past at <http://www.usgwarchives.org/special/ppcs/ppcs.html>, organized on this site by state and city. Can you believe they only cost one cent from 1898-1952?

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The Tongs Are Passed

The May 1 KPS meeting saw the end of two great years under the leadership of **Stu Hanlein**. **Tom Ringenbach**, our vice president, was unanimously elected president, along with a new vice president, **Dave Warfel**, and two new directors, **Gary Santini** and **Bob Smith**. Following the election, presidents past and present posed for a symbolic “passing of the tongs.”



Did you notice a difference in last month’s newsletter? Our new color printer now allows **Ralph Dinwiddie** to utilize a greater part of the eleven by seventeen paper when he prints the newsletter. And next month will mark Ralph’s and my seven years as the KPS Newsletter team. Thank you to all members who have sent articles, notes, and photos that share great information about their collecting interests, their observations, and events that highlight KPS members.

Last month’s newsletter included a calendar of KPS meetings and holidays for the next four months. Post it on your refrigerator and plan to attend KPS events!

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

My first official duty as President of KPS must be to sincerely thank **Stu Hanlein** for his two years of dedicated effort in guiding our club in finding better ways to serve its members. While our hobby nationally seems sometimes to be a bit stuck in neutral, our KPS is clearly thriving and moving ahead. With each year, we manage to offer our members more and more reasons to join, then stay active. I will try to follow Stu’s lead in this respect. Thanks again, Stu.

As I assume this office, I want to start with a little reality check. The Presidency is not the most important job in the KPS. Nor is it in nearly any club, for that matter. It’s the program chairman. His or her work in generating a varied stream of educational and interesting programs is the primary driver, along with our stamps, of strong attendance at meetings. Let’s face it . . . no one comes to a club meeting just to hear the business portion. The job can be a tough one, or it can be an easy one, depending on the willingness of all our members to volunteer once in a while with a program. It’s not that hard, even if you don’t consider yourself a public speaker. After all, you’re talking about a subject you thoroughly love and know a lot about, in front of an enthusiastic group of your friends who want to know more! Please consider a program this year and let **Dave Warfel** get you on the schedule right away. You won’t regret it.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 1, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, May 1, 2012. **Stu Hanlein** presided. There were 19 members present. New member **Mike Pontbriand** introduced himself. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report, showing a balance in all accounts of \$8129.22, was approved.

Bruce Roberts reported that KPS has joined the Tennessee Postal History Society. KPS has invited TPHS to meet at next year's KnoxPex. TPHS has accepted. The drawing for the Great Britain Penny Black was held. The stamp was won by member **David Anderson**.

The election of officers proceeded with additional nominations accepted. **Dave Warfel** volunteered to serve as Vice President and **Gary Santini** volunteered to serve as Board Member for the board position vacated by Dave. A motion to accept the slate of officers published in the last newsletter, plus the two nominations above, was seconded and unanimously approved.

New president **Tom Ringenbach** took over the meeting at this point. A proposal to donate \$100 from proceeds of KnoxPex 2012 to the APS was approved. It was reported that the April - Fifth Saturday meeting held at Earthfare was successful, with 15 attendees and \$500 in club stamp sales and \$100 in APS circuit book sales. It was requested that Secretary **Charlie Wade** send a thank you note to Earthfare Oakridge Public Library offered to have KPS put up a display at their facility. The idea was sent to the KPS Board for further discussion.

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Annual dues are \$15.00.

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Bruce Roberts advised that a stamp collection was available for sale in Maryville. A motion was approved to authorize Bruce to use his judgment and purchase if the collection was appropriate for the club and a suitable price was negotiated. **Tom Broadhead** will teach an English language class, including American customs and tradition during his upcoming trip to China. He asked for “forever” definitives to be brought to the June meeting for use in his class.

Submitted by acting recording secretary **Tom Ringenbach**.

Roving Photographer

During his spring 2012 trip to Britain for archeological research, KPS member **Gerald Schroedl** snapped this photo, proving that a classic concept can take many forms – even for the name of a catering company.



Upcoming Events

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

May 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, swap and shop with APS Circuit Sales Books, new Regency Auction lots at 7:00

June 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – “The Great Sphinx on Stamps” – **Elaine Evans** memorial lecture – by **Tom Broadhead**.

July 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA.

July 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, swap and shop with APS Circuit Sales Books, new Regency Auction lots at 7:00

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the pale lilac, 8 centavo airmail stamp of Nicaragua (C224) issued in 1939. From 1937 to 1940, Nicaraguan airmail stamps were issued for international and for domestic use. The inscription “Interior Aereo,” indicates that it was for local use. Thanks go to **Brian Mason** for the stamps.



Allegories of Nations

By Tom Broadhead

Most nations are referred to simply by name, but there are some that are also represented by allegorical figures or characters. Some of these are based in ancient mythology and others probably are just invented. I only know of female allegorical representations of nations, none are represented by name with male figures.



The first of these is my favorite country, France. However, it can be argued that these are not allegories of France, because they are not named in any way for that country. The first French stamps in 1849 depicted Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture, and her image appeared on many French definitive stamps for almost a century. Following World War II, France adopted a new representation – Marianne. She is a composite allegory for the principles of liberty and reason and has appeared on many definitive stamps since 1944.



After France, Switzerland was the next country to issue stamps showing a female allegorical figure, and the first country to depict her in a heroic pose. “Helvetia” was the Roman name for the land of the Helvetii. Collectors of Swiss stamps have many options from the first two issues of “sitting Helvetia” to later “standing” issues of the classical and early period. Her image continued to appear on definitive stamps in the 20th century.



Other classically inspired allegorical women are those representing Great Britain, Germany, and Italy. “Britannia” is a name derived from the Latin name for parts of present day Great Britain, which were then part of the Roman Empire. Her allegorical image famously appears on the “Seahorse” high value definitive stamps issued first in 1912 during the reign of George V.



Stamps of Germany issued in 1900 began a more than 20 year tradition depicting the allegorical figure “Germania.”

Also derived from Latin during the Roman occupation, the female figure is imposing. She wears a medieval crown with a laurel wreath, wears an armored bodice with a cape, and clutches a sword. Certainly, she reflects the strong military ambitions of her country.

The last with a classical name to mention here is Italy – represented by the figure “Italia.” This image is derived from an ancient coin and shows the female figure with a stylized castle on her head. She first appeared in a forward facing pose in 1929, during the Italian monarchy, but appeared again in profile view in the definitive series of 1953.



The remaining European country is Russia, and a beautiful semipostal stamp was issued in 1914 that some consider to be allegorical. Some descriptions of this stamp (but not the Scott Catalog) state that this is symbolic of “Mother Russia” embracing children representing the many peoples of Russia. If true, it is the only Russian stamp showing this allegory, but it is a common female allegorical term applied to that country.

But what about “America?” I think that it cries out for an allegorical figure – maybe something like the Statue of Freedom on the US Capitol dome.

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People to People

By Mike Blankenship, P2P Delegation Leader

“The People to People movement dates back more than half a century to its founding by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. Eisenhower was acting on his firm belief that direct interaction between ordinary citizens around the world can promote cultural understanding and world peace. That proud legacy of hope lives on in People to People Ambassador Programs on seven continents.” <http://www.peopletopeople.com> The generous large box of European, Australian, New Zealand and Canadian stamps that **Randy Haese** provided to me at the March meeting have found their way to several 2012 People To People Ambassadors traveling this summer. Delegation leaders from Michigan, Ohio, and three groups from Tennessee have been provided opportunity to utilize and



explore history with their ambassador groups from the provided stamps. In addition, KPS member **Harry Brooks** (and Chair of the Education Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly) spoke to the Knoxville People To People delegation in March. Harry shared information with 12 delegates and their parents. Each of the Knoxville ambassadors now has a collection of stamps from Ireland, Wales, England, France, Belgium and Netherlands, the countries they will visit this summer. Furthermore, the Knoxville delegation, which will be teamed with a group from the Tri-Cities area, sorted and filled small envelopes that will be sent to their Tri-Cities fellow delegates. I wish to direct a very BIG thanks to all Knoxville Philatelic Society members who assisted and made this a wonderful experience for all 2012 traveling delegates.

Saturday KPS Meeting at Earthfare



The Saturday, April 21 KPS meeting was held at Earthfare at the Turkey Creek Shopping Center in Knoxville. An enthusiastic group of 15 KPS members enjoyed the camaraderie and shopping opportunities. Stamp and cover sales were brisk, including \$535.30 from KPS stamps, \$37.75 of KPS covers, holdings, \$20.00 from Bill Muenzer's stock, and \$63.90 from the latest group of APS circuit books. After packing things up at noon, a few members stayed to sample the buffet at Earthfare. Chances are great that we will schedule at least one Saturday meeting a year at this great – and free – facility. Check your KPS calendar for dates!

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Loss of a Friend

Our longtime friend and charter member of KPS, **Ron Mynatt**, passed away on Friday, May 18. Ron was a Master Plumber by profession and also notable for being the loving husband of **Jo Mynatt**. Ron was never one of the very talkative members at meetings, but anyone who chatted with him aside knew that he possessed a very sharp wit and wry sense of humor.



Along with the postal service's threat to increase the 1st class letter rate to 50 cents, the Scott Catalog is increasing the minimum catalog price for stamps from 20 cents to 25 cents. When I started collecting, the minimum was 2 cents, then rose to 3 cents and has taken off since in an attempt to accurately reflect the costs that dealers incur in managing stocks of common, inexpensive stamps. Let's see what effect this has on dealers' sales prices.

Watch your calendar and newsletters for meeting updates. At the May 29 KPS Board meeting, it was decided to hold future Board meetings quarterly on a regular basis, before regular monthly KPS meetings. I will not be recreating the May-August calendar insert to reflect this, but announcements will be in the KPS newsletter and sent to you by Jim Pettway, our communications guru. If you have holidays or events that you want me to include in the September-December calendar, just e-mail them to me.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Stamp collecting as a team sport? The very idea is the antithesis of our collective image of stamp collectors as reclusive individualists pursuing the tiny postal artifacts which make up our collections, with little or no help from others, save a helpful dealer who occasionally identifies an item we need for our collection.

The idea may not be as far-fetched as it seems at first. The fact that we all belong to the Knoxville Philatelic Society, a vibrant and growing organization, belies this notion of a bunch of philatelic monks holed up in our individual chambers. The camaraderie in the room of a typical KPS event is palpable to even the most casual observer! In many respects, we already are a team.

How then does philately become a team sport? A first step would be to compile a membership list identifying the collecting interests of each of us, perhaps including a brief notation describing the types of items that are high up on our want list right now. I can think of several benefits that might accrue from this.

1. By putting this list in the hands of all our members, each of us suddenly has multiple sets of eyes looking out for that hard-to-find stamp or cover we have needed for so long.
2. Bruce and Thomas suddenly have a vastly more complete picture of members' collecting interests when they are sniffing out potential collections to buy for the club.
3. When confronted with a particularly vexing question related to an item in our collection, a quick reference to our membership list might identify another member with similar interests and the knowledge to shed light on our philatelic puzzle.

It can only make us a stronger team!

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 5, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided. There were 23 members and guests present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the club newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report which was approved. The club's current accounts total \$7,424.14. In addition to the monetary accounts, the club holds approximately \$60,000 catalog value of stamps in its inventory. Final accounting resulted in a profit of \$256.70 for KnoxPex 2012.

The following business items were discussed. A donation of \$25.00 has been made to the APS in honor of **Ron Mynatt**. The Oak Ridge Public Library has a display area available for a philatelic exhibit. **Jim Pettway** led a discussion of such a project and asked for volunteers.

Dave Warfel asked for members to sign up for the upcoming year's programs and circulated a list. The "Penny Black" prize from KnoxPex 2012 was presented to member **Dave Anderson**. The club decided to again hold the annual Christmas party at the Great American Steak & Buffet. **Thomas Lane** was asked to check on availability and make reservations.

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

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KPS Board Meeting, May 29, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society Board met on May 29, 2012 prior to the 5th Tuesday informal meeting. Ten board members and KPS members attended, and President **Tom Ringenbach** presided.

Jim Pettway reported that the Oak Ridge Public Library has four 46" x 46" display cases plus a round case that are available for philatelic presentations. It was suggested that an East Tennessee display would be received well and the display could be rotated to other area libraries. A club member is needed to be in charge of this activity. The subject will be presented at the June KPS meeting but no time table for the start is needed.

The Knoxpex budget was presented by **Thomas Lane**. The proposal was accepted with two modifications. Dealer table cost increases by \$25, but will include a \$10 gift certificate for the attendee drawings. Depending on past experience (auction income, cachet sales and miscellaneous costs) the show should generate a \$300 income.

Programs for the year were discussed with the annual club auction taking place in October, the holiday party in December, and a show and tell program in March. Subjects still are needed with an 'odd and unique' night planned.

Bob Smith proposed the club nominating someone for the 2013 Smithsonian Achievement award. We decided that this was for a 'bigger time' philatelist than current members of the club (no offense intended). (*continued on page 3*).

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July 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA.

July 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, swap and shop with APS Circuit Sales Books, new Regency Auction lots at 7:00

August 7 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA.

August 16-19 – American Philatelic Society – StampShow – Sacramento, CA. www.stamps.org.

August – Bill Vance's summer stamp bourse – TBA.



Stamp of the Month

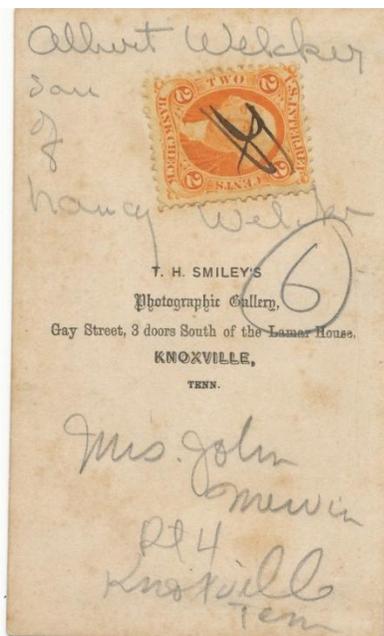
This month's stamp is the 2 riyal black and violet blue high value definitive showing an Islamic Arch and the Holy Ka'aba in Mecca – issued by Saudi Arabia in April 1999 and still in use (Scott 990). These were purchased by **Tom**

Broadhead in April, during his trip to Saudi Arabia.

Use of U.S. Revenue Stamps on Photographs during and after the Civil War

By Bruce Roberts

Many of you may have seen old photographs, usually portraits of someone sitting or standing stiffly at attention, with a US revenue stamp on the back. Here is the history on what brought that about. Congress passed revenue-raising laws in July 1862 to pay for the war effort. At first photographs, which were a fairly new invention, were



not taxed. However, in 1864, a tax on photographs was passed for “photographs, ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, or any other sun-pictures.”

The person paying for the photograph paid the tax, and the photographer affixed a revenue stamp to the back of the photo. Three ranges of charges were levied: 2 cents for photos costing up to 25 cents; 3 cents for photos that cost 26-50 cents and 5 cents for photos costing 50 cents to \$1.00. Photos costing more than a \$1.00 had an additional 5 cents assessed for each additional \$1.00. Any revenue stamp or combination of revenue stamps that paid the rate could be used. The tax was in effect from September 1, 1864 to August 1, 1866. This is important to those researching photos since it gives a tight date range in which they could have

been taken, especially if the photographer complied with the law requiring that the date of use be written or hand stamped on the stamp.

The front and reverse of the photo at upper left shows a 2 cent Bank Check revenue (Scott R5) affixed on a photo taken here in Knoxville. The imprint says “T.H.SMILEY’s Photographic Gallery Gay Street, 3 doors South of the Lamar House KNOXVILLE TENN.” The photo shows young Albert Welcker in a photo that cost less than 26 cents. It looks like someone just told him “and you, young Welcker, will be presenting the program at KPS next month!” The



photographically cropped images from two cards at left show the 3 cent rate for a photo that cost between 26 and 50 cents. The strip of three 1 cent Proprietary stamps (Scott R3) is undated, and the single 3 cent Proprietary stamp (Scott R18) shows a “July 1865” hand stamp, and a company or photographer initials “A.T.U.” By the way, most photos cost less than 50 cents at this time, so finding a 5 cent revenue on a photo is unusual.

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

Stu Hanlein raised the issue of the club’s legal status with respect to accepting donations and the related tax implications. The Southeastern Federation is a non-profit organization which can accept tax deductible donations. KPS can auction philatelic items to our club members on behalf of the Federation returning 50 percent of the profits to the Federation. As a 501 C7 organization classified as a social club, we cannot legally accept tax donations or issue tax letters.

A proposal by **Bruce Roberts** for the club to subsidize APS memberships for club non-APS members from the sale of club stamps after a \$100 purchase was defeated due to fairness concerns. Thirty-three KPS members are APS members.

Future board meetings will be held on a quarterly basic at 6pm prior to the monthly KPS meeting. **Tom Ringerbach** will publish the schedule.

Submitted by Dave Warfel, interim secretary.

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Rare “Hanging Lincoln” Knoxville Cover

By Steve Swain

To show loyalty to one side or another during the Civil War, both the Union and the Confederacy produced patriotic envelopes, so called for the art work depicting pro-northern or pro-southern sentiments.

While doing some research on Civil War patriotic covers on the Robert Siegel auction web site (Lot 462 in the 2007 sale of the Buck Boshwit Collection - <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/y/y94028.cfm>), I came across the one shown below, which was mailed from Cumberland Gap on February 20, 1862, to Col. J.A. Mabry, Knoxville, Tennessee. There is a paid-5 manuscript marking in the upper right corner, indicating prepayment of postage. The outstanding characteristic of this cover is the Hanging Lincoln design, widely recognized as one of the rarest and most distinctive of all Confederate patriotic covers. Only twelve examples of this cover are recorded. The Knoxville cover realized an auction price of \$19,000.



The extraordinary caricature on the cover shows President Lincoln hanging upside down from a tree limb, with his symbolic axe and fence rail tied around his neck. The caption reads:

*Abe Lincoln the destroyer.
He once split Rails.
Now he has split the Union.*

To the left and right is the caption, “*The penalty of disregarding the constitution. Impeached, deposed, Tried and convicted.*” Standing beside Lincoln is a mustachioed

Winfield Scott, labeled “*Old Fuss n Feathers.*” Scott has dropped his sword and is exclaiming, “*My glory is gone forever.*” On the ground beneath Lincoln is the Union flag, captioned, “*The stars and stripes lie in the dust, Never to rise.*” A Confederate 11-star flag towers above the tree with the caption, “*The stars and bars shall for ever wave triumphant.*”

The Confederate Stamp Alliance lists the twelve genuine Hanging Lincoln Confederate patriotic covers:

1. July. 25, 1861, Marshall Texas
2. August. 21, 1861, Nashville Tennessee
3. August. 30, 1861, Athens Louisiana.
4. Nov. 2, 1861, Bowling Green Kentucky
5. Jan. 1, 1862, Nashville Tennessee
6. Jan. 4, 1862, Nashville Tennessee
7. **Feb. 20, 1862, Cumberland Gap to Knoxville**
8. April 15, 1862, Cartersville Mississippi
9. April 15, 1862, Camden Mississippi
10. June 24, 1862, Camden Mississippi
11. Date unknown to JRH, West Union South Carolina
12. Privately carried and not postally used

For additional information about the Hanging Lincoln Confederate patriotic covers, visit Patricia Kauffman’s site for Confederate States Stamps and Postal History: <http://www.webuystamps.com>. Information about Col. Mabry, his family, and home in Knoxville may be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mabry-Hazen_House, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Alexander_Mabry,_Jr., and <http://www.mabryhazen.com>.

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Who Knew?

It may be a while before I tell all my China trip stories, but here's one from my travels home. Arriving at the Beijing airport at 6:00 pm for my 9:30 flight to Seoul, I was sitting, a little bored, in the departure lounge and noticed an English language newspaper – *China Daily*. What a surprise to see that the featured front page article, "Fairy-Tale Adventure" was all about a Chinese stamp designer, Shen Jiahong, who had recently designed a set of four Hans Christian Andersen commemorative stamps, issued June 1 by Denmark.



The Emperor and the Nightingale commemorative from the Hans Christian Andersen 2012 commemorative set.

The designs reflect traditional Chinese paper-cutting art. The front page spread was great, and was continued for a further half-page continuation on page 3 of the paper. How amazing it was to see a major newspaper that would have a stamp-related article as its main news and culture item! I'll bring the paper to a KPS meeting for all to enjoy.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I want to share with you this month a personally rich philatelic experience I treasure to this day. Perhaps some of you noticed an obituary in the August 13 *Linn's* for Richard B. Graham. Dick was a member of the Worthington Stamp Club in Columbus, of which I was also a member. Over the years, I have read often of the past "giants" of U.S. philately and the great research and writing they contributed to the hobby. I was privileged to know one of them in the person of Dick Graham. He wrote a weekly postal history column in *Linn's* beginning in 1982 and continuing for over twenty years, not to mention numerous books and articles in other publications.

Every stamp club has different traditions and customs. The WSC has a tradition of the "meeting after the meeting", when members would assemble at a local Italian restaurant for pizza and beer and a two hour discussion of all things philatelic. Each night, much philatelic material was passed around the table for everyone to see and, amazingly, nothing was ever lost to spilt beer! Dick was at many of these sessions and he freely shared his knowledge to anyone with a question. One time, he graciously mentioned my name in a column after a discussion on advertised mail, which I collected at that time.

Interestingly, Dick had been working on a book about Tennessee postal history during the Civil War, a volume which, sadly, may never be published. Dick was an engineer by training and spent his entire working career doing this work. His real love, however, was philately, and postal history in particular. It's a great hobby that allows a person to expand themselves and become well known and appreciated outside their professional career.

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – September 4, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided. There were 25 members and guests present. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented August the treasurer's report which was approved. The club's current accounts total \$7,813.83 plus stamp inventory.

The following business items were discussed:

- The theme for KnoxPex 2013 will be the sesquicentennial of The Battle of Knoxville/Assault on Ft. Saunders.
- **Pat Goebel** will coordinate KnoxPex registration.
- Members will be notified of the location of the upcoming September 22 Saturday meeting. Current KPS stamp inventory will be offered at "fire sale" prices through the October 30 meeting. At that time any residual inventory will be consigned to Regency.
- The October meeting will be the KPS Member Auction. Members of the Tri-City, Chattanooga, and Crossville stamp clubs will be invited to attend.

After the business meeting, members had a chance to view the KPS stamp inventory, the APS circuit books, and buy, sell and swap stamps.

Submitted,
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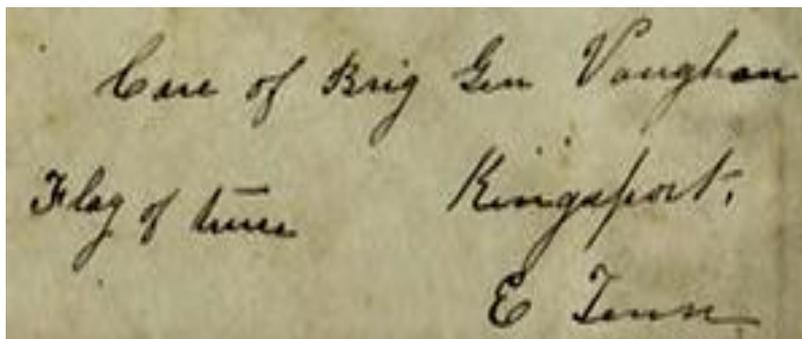


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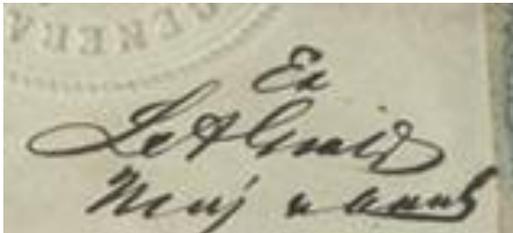
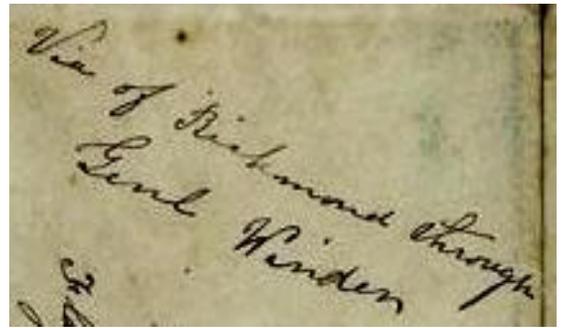
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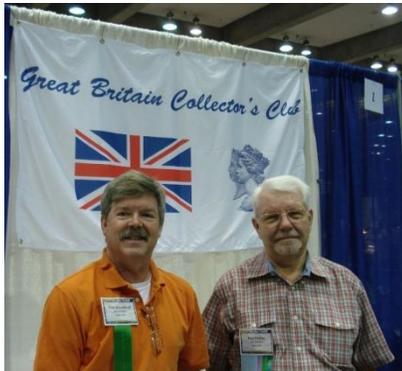
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Notes from StampShow 2012

By Tom Broadhead

I had the opportunity to go to Sacramento in August to attend the American Philatelic Society's annual fall event, StampShow. It was great to see a lot of philatelic friends, make some new ones, shop for my collections, and buy a few items for newsletter Stamp of the Month, including this issue. Here are a few pictures.



I (l) met up with Paul Phillips (r), former KPS member and current APS judge, who now lives in California. There were always long lines for "Stamps in Your Attic," and most people wanted to know the value of old collections. Worldwide and topical dealer Ed Dimmick gave me a great price on 80 copies of the San Marino stamp.



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Vera Felts, Executive Director of the American Topical Association, recognized KPS at the ATA meeting as that society's newest affiliated chapter.

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Loss of Friends and Contact Needs

As president Tom Ringenbach mentions in his column this month, the last year has been a difficult one for KPS. We recently learned that longtime member and former KPS president, **Tom Copas**, died on December 20, 2011 at the age of 83. Tom was a retired Major in the U.S. Army, having served 42 years of active and reserve duty. After his military service, he worked for the National Academy of Science in Washington, D.C., before settling in Knoxville.

Only just this July 12, we lost longtime KPS member and former club librarian, **Stuart McNiell**, at the age of 86. Stuart had a distinguished career in public education, teaching at Townsend High School, serving as principal at Union and Rockford Schools, and as Supervisor of Instruction for Maryville City Schools. He retired in 1990. Stu was also a seasonal ranger in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Tom and Stuart had been two of our most regularly attending members. Tom was an expert at putting together the "String Pull" at Knoxpex. Stuart contributed to many KPS programs with philatelic literature about the National Postal Museum. They will both be missed, and KPS is making donations in their memory to the American Philatelic Society.

Are you getting all you can for your KPS membership? If you have an e-mail account, but are not receiving e-mails from our information guru, **Jim Pettway**, please remember to contact him online at jbpettway@comcast.net. Then, you can receive meeting reminders and other important KPS notices and information. It's just one more advantage that you can receive as a KPS member. And, don't forget about our October live auction. Jim will e-mail you electronic versions of the form in this month's news.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Let the games begin! By the time this letter reaches you in print, the 2012 London Olympics will be history. As of this writing, however, we're about halfway through week one. This wonderful diversion, a gift to us every four years, provides instant access to a world we are only vaguely aware of during the three years and fifty weeks between Olympics. The diversion is welcome relief from the pressures and troubles which are part of everyday life.

As we all know, stamp collecting provides similar relief. Fortunately, it's available to us just about anytime we want to indulge. With Labor Day, the traditional slow period for stamps comes to an end. The gradually cooling weather invites us to spend more time with our stamps. There is a pick-up in shows and auctions. Attendance at our monthly KPS meetings invariably improves, as well. We're back in the philatelic swing of things!

This year, as we jump back into our hobby, I am reminded that KPS has lost no less than five current and former members in this calendar year. It saddens us that friends are no longer with us, and we will certainly miss them. But it is also reassuring to think of the pleasures and plain good times stamps provided to these friends, and the fun they shared with us at our monthly meetings. So, let's celebrate our memories of them by resolving to throw ourselves into our hobby and our club with renewed energy. In their honor, let's each take personal responsibility for doing what we can to make this really good club even better.

Indeed, let the (philatelic) games begin!

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Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 7, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. President **Tom Ringenbach** presided. There were 17 members and guests present. During the meeting two new members were introduced: **John Mathis** and **Wes Beaver**. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report which was approved. The club's current accounts total \$7,907.60. In addition, the club has approximately \$87,000 of catalog value stamps in its inventory.

The following business items were discussed. **Charlie Wade** stated that volunteers are needed to head publicity and registration for KnoxPex 2013. Planning will be discussed at the September board meeting. The regular January club meeting will be held on January 8 instead of the first Tuesday. **Tom Ringenbach** noted the November meeting this year will fall on Election Day. The October meeting will be the KPS Member Auction. **Tom Broadhead** was presented a certificate as a "Gold Award" winner from the APS for the chapter newsletter. **Jim Pettway** noted donations to the Smithsonian National Postage Museum are being solicited. The KPS did not take any action on this request. **Mike Kauffman** offered suggestions on ways to improve the KnoxPex auction process. There will be a board meeting at 6:00 prior to the September regular club meeting. The club will make a \$25 donation to the APS in memory of **Stuart McNiell**.

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KPS News Wins Gold from APS

For the fifth year in a row, the KPS newsletter has earned a gold award in the American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee annual newsletter competition.



APS Representative **Jim Pettway** presented KPS News editor **Tom Broadhead** with the gold award for the 2011 newsletter. (photo by **Charlie Wade**)

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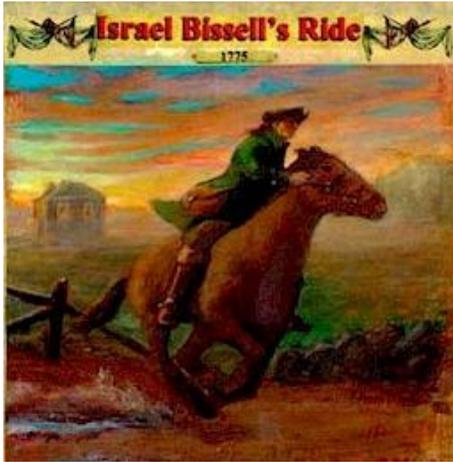
This month's stamp is a definitive from Denmark issued in the 1961-63 series showing King Frederik IX. Your copy is either the 30 øre or 35 øre rose red (Scott 385 or 387).

Mail Delivery in the Early Colonial Days

By Jim Pettway

If you are interested in early U.S. colonial history and in particular home life during the United States colonial period I would suggest a book that I recently pulled from my library shelf, *Home Life in Colonial Days* by Alice Morse Earle. One of the chapters that I enjoyed was the subject of transportation. This chapter brought me from the early settling of the colonies when walking was the primary mode of movement, to the days of transporting people, supplies, mail, etc. by wagon and stage coach. Did I mention mail?

Yes, as the colonies grew settlers needed a means to get correspondences (mail) to their friends and relatives. The first regular mail service was between New York and Boston in January 1673. The mail carrier was known as the "post". This man on horseback carried the mail in two portmanteaus crammed with letters and parcels. In addition to transporting the mail he was also responsible for reporting condition of roads, ferries, and fords.



When he delivered his mail he would lay it on a table or bar at an inn/tavern and anyone who wished would look at the letters and parcels and pay the postage, which was very high, for those items addressed to him. Letters and parcels might lie on the table for days before being claimed.

Mail service was irregular as one can imagine since the post wouldn't leave town to make his journey until he got enough mail to at least cover his expenses for the trip. Not until postal affairs were placed in the hands of Benjamin Franklin was there regular and trustworthy mail service.

NEWS! NEWS!!

AARON OLIVER, Post-Rider,
WISHES to inform the Public, that he has extended his Route; and that he now rides thro' the towns of *Troy, Pittstown, Hoosick, Maplestown, part of Bennington and Shaftsbury, Petersburgh, Stephentown, Greenbush and Schodack.*
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The U.S. Bicentennial stamp of 1973 (Scott 1478) featured a revolutionary era post rider.

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KPS Purchases Two Fairly Scarce Canadian Stamps

By Bruce Roberts

In March, Thomas Lane and I bought several lots for KPS at the Regency Superior Auction in St Louis. Included was a large stock book crammed with stamps, to the point that many were not visible when we bid. Later when I was working up the lot, I laid out the Canadian stamps and began pricing them. I always dip 19th century stamps in

watermark fluid to look for thins and other damage. One of the stamps appeared to be Canada Scott #25, cataloging \$37.50. However when I dipped the stamp in fluid, I saw a network of horizontal lines in the paper, indicating the stamp was printed on "Laid Paper." Figure 1 shows this stamp viewed from the rear against a bright light; the laid paper lines are clearly visible. This is Canada #33, cataloging \$2,000 in VF condition! A second stamp, Canadian #26 (Figure 2), appeared to be perforated 12 x12, which would be Scott #26a, cataloging \$900 VF. We sent both stamps in for certificates of authenticity. The #33 came back as "genuine with horizontal and vertical creases". The #26a came back as #26iv, a



minor variety, not even listed in the Scott catalog, only in the Classic Specialized catalog of Canada. The certificate says "It is perforated 11.75 x 12, with light diagonal crease and lightly toned perfs;" this variety catalogs for \$120 VF. Both of these stamps are now available for silent auction, and are on display for bidding at KPS meetings. If you cannot attend a meeting and are interested in bidding, email Jim Pettway with the stamp number and your bid, and I will enter the bid on the silent auction sheet for you. If you don't have email, call me at 865-381-1181 and let me know your bid. Both stamps will close for bidding the night of October 2nd, the annual club auction.

Friends back from Papua New Guinea



(Left to right, William, Don, Cheri, Jonathan, Stephen)

KPS member, **Stephen Floyd** and his family are back in the US following another long time as missionaries in the Pacific Ocean nation of Papua New Guinea (PNG). They will be staying in Knoxville for a few more months before returning there to continue their mission. The country occupies the eastern half of the island of New Guinea, and Wikipedia reports that it is one of the most diverse countries on earth, with 841 different spoken languages.

In the late 19th century, the northern area was a colony of Germany, and the southern part a colony of Great Britain. After World War I, Australia governed through a League of Nations Mandate. Australia continued to govern until independence was achieved in 1975 and is a member of the British Commonwealth.

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Who Knew?

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The Emperor and the Nightingale commemorative from the Hans Christian Andersen 2012 commemorative set.

The designs reflect traditional Chinese paper-cutting art. The front page spread was great, and was continued for a further half-page continuation on page 3 of the paper. How amazing it was to see a major newspaper that would have a stamp-related article as its main news and culture item! I'll bring the paper to a KPS meeting for all to enjoy.

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President's Column

I want to share with you this month a personally rich philatelic experience I treasure to this day. Perhaps some of you noticed an obituary in the August 13 *Linn's* for Richard B. Graham. Dick was a member of the Worthington Stamp Club in Columbus, of which I was also a member. Over the years, I have read often of the past "giants" of U.S. philately and the great research and writing they contributed to the hobby. I was privileged to know one of them in the person of Dick Graham. He wrote a weekly postal history column in *Linn's* beginning in 1982 and continuing for over twenty years, not to mention numerous books and articles in other publications.

Every stamp club has different traditions and customs. The WSC has a tradition of the "meeting after the meeting", when members would assemble at a local Italian restaurant for pizza and beer and a two hour discussion of all things philatelic. Each night, much philatelic material was passed around the table for everyone to see and, amazingly, nothing was ever lost to spilt beer! Dick was at many of these sessions and he freely shared his knowledge to anyone with a question. One time, he graciously mentioned my name in a column after a discussion on advertised mail, which I collected at that time.

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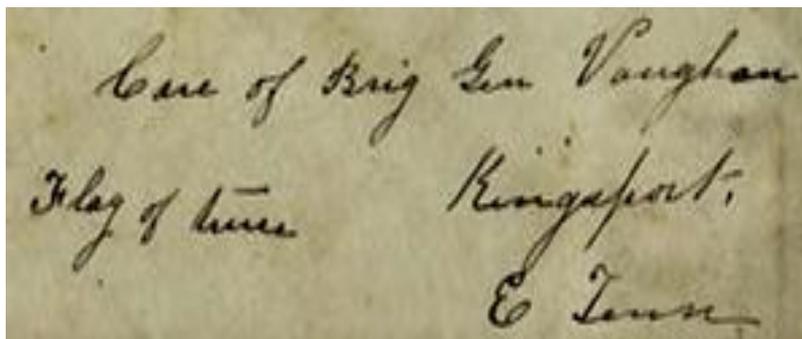


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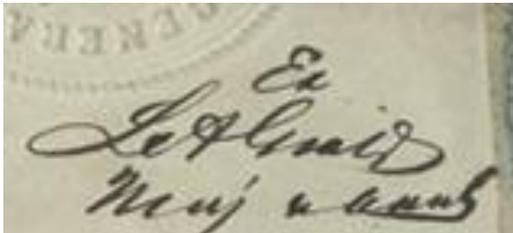
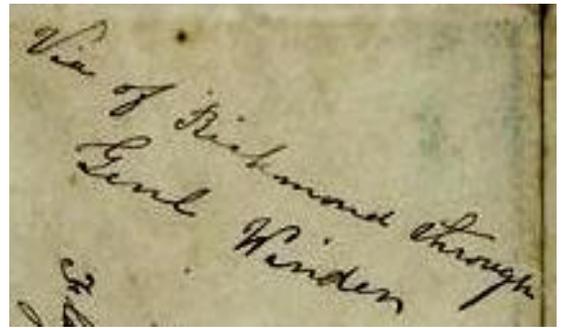
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Finally, the bold script lettering to the left of the stamp (magnified at left) can be deciphered as "Ex LAGratz Maj & aaag," indicating an exchange point for the envelope and its contents where Major Gratz was located. At that time, Major Gratz was stationed in Knoxville. This explains why the Confederate 10c stamp (Scott 11) is uncanceled, i.e., the cover was hand delivered across the lines and was never processed through the postal system.

That is my "busy" east Tennessee provost marshal cover with the essential ingredients of exceptional postal history.

Notes from StampShow 2012

By Tom Broadhead

I had the opportunity to go to Sacramento in August to attend the American Philatelic Society's annual fall event, StampShow. It was great to see a lot of philatelic friends, make some new ones, shop for my collections, and buy a few items for newsletter Stamp of the Month, including this issue. Here are a few pictures.



I (l) met up with Paul Phillips (r), former KPS member and current APS judge, who now lives in California. There were always long lines for "Stamps in Your Attic," and most people wanted to know the value of old collections. Worldwide and topical dealer Ed Dimmick gave me a great price on 80 copies of the San Marino stamp.



The KPS Newsletter won a gold award in the APS newsletter competition and was on display in the literature exhibit.

Vera Felts, Executive Director of the American Topical Association, recognized KPS at the ATA meeting as that society's newest affiliated chapter.

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Does It Get Any Better Than This?

We receive a lot of interesting mail in the UT Admissions Office, and friends are always on the lookout for stamps and covers to give me. In mid October, my colleague and friend, Janie Fielden told me that she had just received a shipment of tiles from an eBay seller in the Netherlands. For me, the best part was her offer to give me the shipping box, which she said had “a lot” of stamps on it. I wanted to see the tiles, too, so she brought in the whole package and contents.



Dutch tiles, a shipping box with one side covered in stamps, and an awesome totebag.

The shipper had used a beautiful assortment of preuro stamps, which I will try to add up to figure the postal rate. And, he had included a free totebag, with bright images of the 1946-type numeral stamps on the front and back. In all, the shipment consisted of great surprises. Thanks go to the eBay seller – [dheus1](#) – for all the extras included with the purchase. Oh, and the tiles, showing childrens’ games, will look great on the walls of Janie’s kitchen.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

I've known many philatelists over the years who successfully combined two of their great passions: stamp collecting and travel. We can all name current KPS members who fall into this category. Destinations for stamp collectors abound, many less than a day's drive from East Tennessee. Excellent regional and national shows immediately come to mind.

On consecutive weekends this coming January, we can make relatively short drives to Louisville for the APS winter show or Atlanta for the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs show (your Board is exploring transportation and other KPS participation in this show). Although a bit farther away, every stamp collector should make it a point to visit APS headquarters in central Pennsylvania. My personal favorite there is the library, but for many collectors it's the sales division. As you receive this newsletter, the seventh annual Postal History Symposium is taking place there, with excellent speakers, outstanding exhibits (including that of our own Bruce Roberts) and dealers. Even if you miss this event, a visit to Bellefonte is always worthwhile. Lastly, I would be remiss in not mentioning the National Postal Museum in Washington. With the scheduled opening of the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery next September, a really good museum for stamp collectors becomes even better. Everyone eventually makes it to our nation's capital; make sure you include the Postal Museum as part of your next visit.

I can recall from many years ago the fun of enhancing a Caribbean cruise with a visit to the post office in Georgetown, Cayman Islands. Be creative in finding a philatelic connection with your next trip beyond East Tennessee!

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – October 2, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 for the regular monthly meeting. President Tom Ringenbach presided. There were 25 people present.

Due to the club auction, a very brief business session was held. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurers report which shows a total of \$8,860.54 in the club accounts was approved.

KPS has been invited to present a program at the NHC Healthcare facility in Farragut on October 29. This will be in association of National Stamp collecting. Stu Hanlein will coordinate this event with Charlie Wade and Gary Santini assisting. KPS has been invited to put together a one frame exhibit at the January Southeast Stamp Expo in Atlanta. The club will do this, and work on this activity at future meetings.

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

Submitted by:
Charlie Wade, Secretary

Editor's note: An article by Jim Pettway and photographs of the October club auction will appear in the December KPS Newsletter.

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KPS Holiday Party – December 4

Mark your calendars now for the annual KPS Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 4 at The Great American Steak & Buffet, 900 Merchants Drive, Knoxville, 37912.

Let's get together to reminisce about our philatelic successes from 2012 and goals for 2013. And, don't forget the gift exchange. A few years ago, 9 members received magnifiers in the exchange, a feat that warranted a picture in Linn's Stamp News. Remember that gifts may be philatelic or nonphilatelic and must not cost more than \$5. Be creative in your shopping! The cost per person is \$10, and KPS will cover any additional expense.

Update on KPS shirts

By Thomas Lane, Treasurer

Members who want the embroidered KPS emblem on shirts should continue to give their shirts to me. Athletic Printers, which does the custom embroidery, will only take a minimum of 4 (four) at the \$3.00 + tax price for each shirt. I will hold your shirt(s) until there are at least four. Payment should be made to KPS. All shirts (t-shirts, knit shirts, dress shirts) must be newly laundered so that any shrinkage will happen before embroidery.

Upcoming Events

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

November 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – My Trip to China – by **Tom Broadhead**.

November 17 – KPS special Saturday meeting – Community Center at Shannondale of Maryville 804 Shannondale Way, Maryville, TN 37803. 12:00-3:00 pm.

December 4 – KPS monthly meeting and annual Holiday Dinner at the Great American Steak & Buffet – 900 Merchants Dr., Knoxville 37912. KPS gift exchange for members and guests. Meal cost is \$10.

January 8 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – TBA.



Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is a 4 jiao definitive stamp (Scott 3547) of the People's Republic of China. It shows a colorful Chinese Monal Pheasant. Issued in 2006, it is still sold in post offices, and Tom Broadhead bought these on his recent trip to China.

My Trip to China – the Philatelic Side

By Tom Broadhead

Last June and July, I spent a wonderful three and a half weeks in Beijing, China, teaching at the Tsinghua University Summer English Camp. My daily experiences were summarized each night at 8:30 (8:30 am the previous day in Knoxville) and sent to family and friends. Jim Pettway forwarded them to KPS members, and I thank all who sent back encouraging e-mails and other club members who welcomed me back. Travel to new places is great, but as Dorothy says in *The Wizard of Oz*, “There’s no place like home!”

Tsinghua University has a very interesting history. At the end of the 19th century, foreign powers had well-established territorial enclaves in China, as the imperial government progressively weakened. A strongly nationalistic movement arose in 1898, lasting for three years, and known in the west as the Boxer Rebellion. In 1900, westerners sought refuge in the foreign legation quarter of Beijing, and more than 20,000 western nation troops quelled the uprising within a year. Most of the western powers had issued their own postage stamps, and when I went with five students to explore the old foreign legation quarter, I was interested to see the U.S. compound, rebuilt in 1901. But, my philatelic highlight was seeing the street side building described in the tourist guide and plaque on the building as the location of the French post office.



Four Tsinghua University students at the U.S. Legation area – rebuilt in 1901.

The early 1900’s building marked by a plaque identifying it as the old French post office.

A French stamp overprinted for use in China.

China was forced to pay more than \$100 million in reparations to the western powers, but President Theodore Roosevelt and the U.S. Congress agreed to accept only \$19.2 million of the \$30 million awarded to the U.S. The remaining \$10.8 million was to be used to send Chinese students to the U.S. for their college education, and Tsinghua College was founded in 1911, originally as a preparatory school for that purpose (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsinghua_University). Today, Tsinghua University is the leading research university in China, with particularly strong academic programs in engineering.

Last year, Tsinghua University celebrated its centennial, and there was a philatelic commemoration. I had been told that there was a post office (China Post) in the “C-Store,” the campus convenience store, which was only a few blocks bike ride from my dorm. Unfortunately, the post office accepted mail, but did not sell stamps! Then I was told of an “old post office” elsewhere on campus, but never found it. My subsequent philatelic adventures failed to find any Tsinghua centennial stamps, but all was not lost, thanks to the students in the class I taught. Read on!



Buying my trusty used bicycle – first day.

My class – Province S Green – a great group of bright and talented students.

I was one of 50 teachers from the U.S., U.K., and Canada, and each of us had a class of about 60 students who had just completed their freshman year. The goal of the camp was to work with them to help them improve their listening and speaking skills. One of the things that the different visiting university faculty and students did was to bring souvenirs, which students in the camp could “purchase” with the “camp money” that we gave them for outstanding efforts in class. In addition to University of Tennessee souvenirs, I created three stamp-can pencil holders. Most of us have seen, owned, or made these – but soaked stamps are so much easier to glue than self-adhesives on paper! I donated two to the camp store and kept the third for later.



At the end of the first week, one of the Tsinghua University volunteer students, Wang Qing (her English name is Kelly), found me and told me that she was a stamp collector and had admired my stamp cans at the camp store. Because she was not a student this year in the program, she was ineligible to earn camp money and “purchase” one. Thus, my hold back of one example gave me the opportunity to share it with a fellow collector and new friend. That afternoon, we sat on the steps at the classroom building sharing our enthusiasm for stamps.

Sightseeing during my trip was limited to weekends during and after the teaching program. Yang Fufang (his English name is Tom), the Tsinghua volunteer in my class, kindly led me on two day tours in the city. The first of those was the early morning flag-raising at Tiananmen Square, when we biked across campus at 3:15 am, caught a cab to Tiananmen, and arrived one hour early for the 4:49 am ceremony. But, on my birthday (which I succeeded in keeping secret), Kelly, Tom, and I took the subway to the Jianguomen station, which is only a few blocks walk from the China National Postage Stamp Museum (<http://czyypm.com>). Although some web sites indicate an entrance fee, it was free admission for us. The lobby is spacious, but doesn’t have exhibits, and there are free storage lockers for all of your carry-in bags.

The museum escalators are motion sensitive and take you up to the second floor of stamp exhibits and the third floor that shows the history of postal service and communication in China. It is a beautifully designed, well-lighted museum. Sorry, no photography allowed inside. There were fewer than five other museum visitors, but one, a man named Wu Diangin, met us outside and asked to become penpals. I look forward to exchanging stamps with him.



Entrance to the Museum



Wu Diangin and Kelly with me at the post office adjacent to the museum



It turned out that the China Post station next to the museum was not a place to purchase stamps, and they had only a bout twenty stamps – total – held on a clipboard. The clerk suggested we find a larger post office. When we left, our new friend Wu Diangin told us that there was a first day ceremony at the National Museum that morning, and he showed us a first day cover with the two new stamps (at left) with images of famous ancient Chinese bronzes, which Tom and I had seen the previous weekend on our adventure to Tiananmen Square and environs. It was only going to be a three kilometer walk to the museum, but we decided to wait until after lunch to decide.

We were in a modern business district, with no corner restaurants in sight. Kelly and Tom used their GPS to search for food and found a McDonalds just a couple of blocks away. For a Sunday noon in the middle of a business district, it was surprisingly crowded, but we were able to find a table to sit, eat, and make plans. My grilled chicken sandwich looked great, but the chicken was very undercooked. By the end of the first bite, I figured that if I was to get sick from it, it was already too late, so I finished it. Good news – no repercussions.

We found a large post office nearby, and went to purchase stamps and other postal memorabilia. China Post is the government postal agency (<http://www.chinapost.com.cn/36/>), and its web site has some similarities to that of the US Postal Service, but with a much more conspicuous link to new stamp issues. We entered through a beautiful boutique with displays showing many special books published along with new stamp issues. Most of those were expensive (a few \$10), and we had to ask where the regular stamp sales were. Down a hallway was the main sales and mailing area, and we bought a few souvenir sheets and cachets. We asked about the first day ceremony, and the clerk told us that cachets had sold out at the museum earlier in the morning – saving us a long walk on a hot day. I needed to purchase 80 copies of a stamp for the KPS newsletter (included in this issue), and the clerk was amazed and puzzled why anyone would want 80 copies of the same stamp!



The stamp I purchased had an image of a pheasant, but I had seen this stamp the week before in class, when I lectured about national images on stamps of China and the US. I had passed around zip-loc bags containing modern flag stamps and some US World War II defense and victory stamps (thanks to KPS members who donated these, especially Jim Pettway and Randy Haese). When I got the remainder stamps in my class, there was a pair of the pheasant stamps that one of my students, Zhao Zhexin (her English name is Joanna) had added to the mix for me. And, later in the week, someone in another class added a Chinese knot stamp.

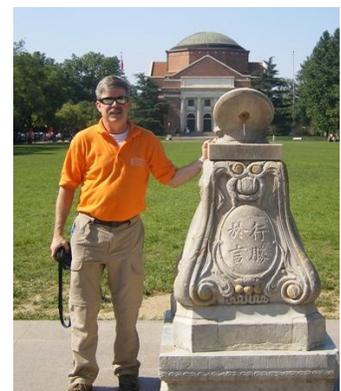
The highlight of my experience was meeting and working with great students. And, imagine my surprise at our closing class party when I was given a special album commemorating the university's centennial. The actual commemorative stamp shows the old main gate, with the performing arts center in the background, and a stylized auditorium at the top. The arts center was dedicated for the centennial, but the interior was not completed until early 2012. We were treated to a concert by the Beijing Symphony Orchestra in that magnificent hall.



And, there was a beautiful miniature sheet, shown below, that featured the Chinese knot stamp se-tenant with labels showing campus scenes. The enlargement at right shows the sundial in front of the auditorium, and a picture of me.



It was all a great experience, made even better by Tom (at right), whose work in the classroom was indispensable and whose skill and knowledge as a guide were priceless.



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Last Remaining RPO in the U.S.

By Thomas Lane

Here is an interesting philatelic item my wife and I discovered when traveling in northwestern Pennsylvania. The OIL CREEK & TITUSVILLE RAILROAD tourist train operates the only Railway Post Office in regular service in the United States. Postcards mailed on the train receive the official "Oil Creek & Titusville R.P.O." cancellation on a stamps.com pictorial photo stamp showing the train.



KPS Saturday Meeting

By Jim Pettway

KPS members met at Earth Fare in the Turkey Creek Shopping Center in Knoxville, Saturday, September 22. If you didn't attend you missed out. During the three hours about 15 people passed through the doors of the Earth Fare Community Room, including three new members, **Dr. Thomas Handler**, **Deborah Dean**, and **Paul Kuehn**. Attendees had a lot of stamps from which to select their purchases, included our recently discounted Regency Auction lots. **Jim Pettway** brought 4 red boxes of British stamps, **Mike Pontbriand** had a box of early used U.S., the APS Sales circuit books were available, the club stamps and covers made their next to last showing, and **Paul Kuehn** had about 40 stock books FILLED with worldwide stamps he was selling for 10 cents each. I don't think anyone left empty handed.



The next Saturday KPS meeting, November 17, will be in Maryville and is being arranged by **Jean Byrne**. I'm looking forward to that meeting. Meeting details to follow but be sure you have that date on your calendar.

Southeastern Stamp Show 2013 Commemorates Emancipation Proclamation

By Tom Broadhead

The Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs (www.stampclubs.com), of which KPS is a member, will hold its annual show, Southeastern Stamp Show 2013, on January 25-27 at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast. Southeastern Stamp Show is an American Philatelic Society "World Series of Philately" show, and the grand award winning exhibit will compete in next year's Champion of Champions at APS StampShow. The show will commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation, the executive proclamation freeing slaves in the Confederate States, issued by Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. The US Postal Service has indicated that a commemorative stamp will be issued next year – I hope prior to the show. The centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation was celebrated with a U.S. stamp in 1963.



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Dues are Due!

It's that time of the year when KPS members renew their memberships. Our annual dues continue to be a huge bargain, and the KPS board is always looking for ways to create new opportunities for our members.

What do you get for your \$15.00 annual dues? The most obvious benefit is receiving the monthly newsletter. \$5.40 of your dues currently pays the postage on twelve monthly issues. A nearly equal amount covers the cost of paper, envelopes, stickers, and printer ink that KPS News publisher, **Ralph Dinwiddie** uses to print the newsletter and his beautifully designed cachets that bring the news to you. **Jim Pettway** organizes our APS Circuit Sales for members, and the associated shipping costs with that program average about 50 cents per member. Monthly meetings and 5th Tuesday meetings are held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, and we pay \$30 per use for rooms – an annual total of \$450, or about \$5.60 per member. So, actual predictable costs are about \$16.50 per member.

KPS is in sound financial condition, thanks to the stewardship of the board, and especially treasurer, **Thomas Lane**. We usually make a small profit at our annual show, Knoxpex, thanks to Show Chair, **Charlie Wade** and many other members. And, the annual Regency Auction purchases by **Bruce Roberts** and **Thomas Lane** have helped members buy great stamps and supported programs like the bus trip to shows in Atlanta. So, bring your dues to a meeting or drop them to us in the post box!



Tom Broadhead

President's Column

On October 29, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to stop in at National Healthcare Center, an assisted living and rehabilitation center in Farragut, to lend my support to four of our members who volunteered to promote philately with residents at the facility. They accomplished this through exhibits developed from each of their collections, as well as enthusiastic discussion. On behalf of all of our members, I would like to thank **Stu Hanlein, Charlie Wade, Gary Santini, and Randy Haese** for their generous contribution of time and effort to help "spread the word." It seems to me a fitting climax to National Stamp Collecting month to make this effort to support the hobby we all enjoy so much.

On an unrelated note, I want to report that KPS, in addition to supporting the hobby with efforts like the one above, is also a fashion trend setter! This story started at Stampshow 2011 in Columbus, Ohio, when the sharp club logos worn on the shirts of several KPS members did not go unnoticed by others. Shortly after the show, I got a request to send a scan of our logo to Worthington Stamp Club, my home club in Columbus. Now they have a club logo of their own, which I expect we'll see worn at the winter APS show in Louisville and possibly even at the Southeast show in Atlanta the next week. From what I've seen, it's a distinctive logo, clearly different from ours, but at the same time inspired by our KPS design. If you see someone wearing a WSC logo at an upcoming show, don't hesitate to introduce yourself and compliment that person on his natty attire. Of course, you'll know the source of their inspiration!

I'll see you at the December club dinner!

Tom Ringenbach

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 6, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 for the regular monthly meeting. Vice President **Dave Warfel** presided. There were 15 people present. The minutes of the October meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was approved; the current club accounts total \$9,2918.38.

Thomas Lane reported that KPS has realized a \$69.77 profit on our club stamp sales in 2012. We still hold approximately \$52,000 in catalog value stamps in inventory. Most of that will be consigned to Regency Auctions. When the current club CD matures a total of \$3700 will be placed in a new CD at prevailing rates.

KPS will sponsor a bus to Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta on January 26, 2013, if there is enough interest. The price is \$20.00 per person and payment should be made by January 8. KPS will not have a club sponsored trip to Louisville next year. KPS will participate in the club competition at the Southeastern Stamp Expo. **Tom Broadhead** will prepare the single frame club promotion exhibit. **Thomas Lane** will coordinate the single frame club competition; his theme will be Tennessee Postal History. KPS has two members nominated for the Southeastern Federation's Rowland Hill award: **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead**. **Mike Kauffman** noted the club's appreciation to **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead** for their many activities in support of KPS.

There will be a 20% discount for 2013 KPS membership renewal if paid by December 31, 2012. Members will be asked to update their society memberships on the club renewal form. **Jim Pettway** will compile a list of such

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membership participation. This will be used for decisions on KPS donations to philatelic organizations.

Activities are progressing for KnoxPex 2013. Committee leaders have their individual assignments. Carl Schmidt has started publicity. The club will investigate an official KPS logo. KPS will donate an additional \$50 to the APS this year for its Campaign for Philately. **Randy Haese, Stu Hanlein, Gary Santini, and Charlie Wade** gave a stamp program at the Farragut NHC Healthcare facility. The club received a thank you note from the family of **Stuart McNiell** for their recent donation to the APS in his memory.

The December 4 club meeting will be the annual holiday party. It will be at The Great American Steak & Buffet. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

Following the business meeting **Tom Broadhead** presented the program: A Trip to China in Summer 2012 – the Philatelic Side. He showed many photos of his teaching activities, his sightseeing, and postal aspects of China. As always, Tom's presentation was both informative and entertaining.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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

January 19 – special Saturday meeting. Details TBA.

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

February 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: “Waterfall Cachets from around the World,” by Thomas Lane. Board meeting at 6:00 – KnoxPex 2013 update.

March 2-3 – **KnoxPex 2013** “Siege of Knoxville and Battle of Fort Sanders 150th Anniversary” – Holiday Inn West on Cedar Bluff Road. Saturday, 10-5, Sunday, 10-4. Live Auction at 6:00 on Saturday.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the beautiful 1 cent stamp (Scott 230) of the U.S. 1892-93 Columbian Exposition series. Thanks to Mike Kauffman for the stamps.



CONSIDER COLLECTING VATICAN CITY STAMPS

By Bob Smith

As a relatively new member I wanted to find something to work on that would be helpful to the KPS. I offered to help **Bruce Roberts** work up some of the auction material that has not been identified, priced and mounted in the club counter books. After spending a full day with Bruce working on a Swiss collection he turned me loose on a two volume Vatican City accumulation. All of the material is mint, never hinged and is in beautiful condition.

Vatican City is a stamp collecting area that can be approached by a new collector with a reasonable expectation that you can complete a mint collection without breaking the bank. There are many reasons for the great popularity of Vatican City stamps. The Vatican has traditionally maintained a fairly conservative issuing policy, which presently consists of about a dozen commemorative series per year. Vatican stamps feature a wide range of religious and historical subjects, including many that are of interest to topical collectors. Adding to their allure is the fact that these stamps are issued by the world's smallest sovereign state, whose influence extends far beyond its 108.7 acres.

The political existence of the Vatican City State dates from the three Lateran Treaties of February 1929, and provided for mutual recognition between the Kingdom of Italy and the Holy See. These treaties further required Italy to cooperate in setting up a postal service for the Holy See. Negotiations between the Vatican and the Italian government resulted in an agreement to dispatch Vatican mail from either Rome's Ferroviaria (railway) or Arrivi e Distribuzione (Arrivals and Distribution) post office, depending on its destination.

Right now the postage stamps of the Vatican City are relatively inexpensive with most issues at the Scott Catalog minimum value, (\$0.25). Take a moment to peruse the Vatican City counter book at the next KPS meeting. The greatest artists of the world were commissioned by the Vatican, and many of their works are on the stamps along with architecture, illuminated manuscripts, landscapes and much more. The beautiful stamp at right (Scott 1004) was issued in 1996 to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the return of Marco Polo from China.

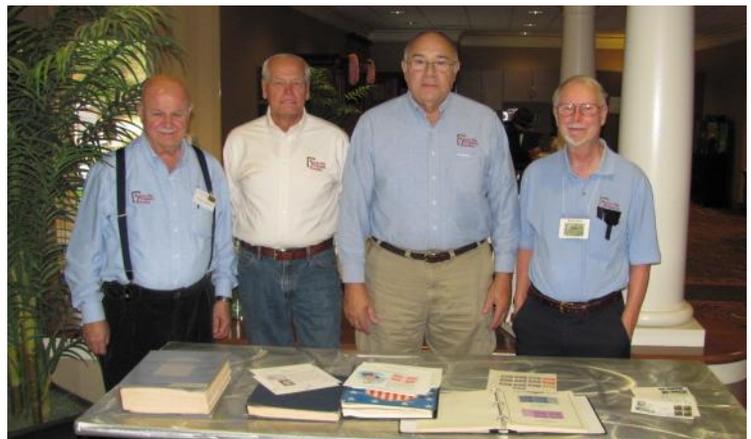
Finally, the KPS buys these collections and accumulations at national auctions then sells them to the members for a small fraction of their catalog value. The proceeds of the sales go back into the club for future acquisitions. What a deal !



KPS Members Share Their Interests

By Stu Hanlein

In late October, KPS responded to an invitation from the Social Director at the National Healthcare Center in Farragut to give a presentation for national stamp collecting month. **Charlie Wade, Gary Santini, Randy Haese**, and I volunteered, and each of us set up a table with philatelic items to display to the residents and rehabilitation patients. About 30 people stopped by during our two hour visit to chat and enjoy looking over our collections and philatelic supplies. It was interesting to hear stories about patients' family members who were stamp collectors, and we gave out stamps to those who were interested, thanks to Randy's stockpile. I hope we stimulated a few to attend our KPS meetings. President Tom Ringenbach stopped by to wish us well and greet the NHC social director. I think we learned a few things from doing this so we could prepare for the next request, and I hope more of our members will volunteer to represent the club in similar activities.



KPS members (left to right) **Stu Hanlein, Charlie Wade, Gary Santini, and Randy Haese** at NHC

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KPS October Auction

By Jim Pettway

October is Stamp Collecting Month. October is also the annual KPS Auction. This year 22 people registered as bidders with 14 being successful in taking home 43 philatelic lots. After instructions from KPS Auctioneer **Bruce Roberts**, the auction started sharply at 7:30 and before 8:30 bidders had had the opportunity to bid on all lots. **Stu Hanlein** took care of registering bidders as well as acting as runner for the auction. **Thomas Lane** and **Tom Ringenbach** took care of the bid tally, receiving payments of lots and dispersing of funds received from bidders. There were a few times that bidding got competitive, but most of the lots hammered down at minimum bid. When the hammer came down on the final bidding, bidders and sellers seemed pleased with their sales and purchases.



KPS members arrived early to view lots. The crowd patiently waited for the auction. Auctioneer **Bruce Roberts** kept busy.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting November 6, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society officers and directors convened for the quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Vice President **Dave Warfel** presided.

The following business items were discussed and actions taken. KPS will sponsor a bus to Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta on January 26, 2013 if there is enough interest. Price will be \$20.00 per person, and payment should be made by January 8. KPS will participate in the club competition at the Southeastern Stamp Expo. **Tom Broadhead** will prepare the single frame club promotion exhibit. **Thomas Lane** will coordinate the single frame club competition, with a theme of Tennessee Postal History. KPS has two members nominated for the Southeastern Federation Rowland Hill award: **Bruce Roberts** and **Tom Broadhead**.

There will be a 20% discount for 2013 KPS membership renewal if paid by December 31, 2012. **Thomas Lane** reported that KPS has realized a \$69.77 profit on our club stamp sales in 2012, but we still hold approximately \$52,000 in catalog value stamps in inventory. Most of this will be consigned to Regency Stamp Auctions. When the current club CD matures a total of \$3700 will be placed in new CD at prevailing rates. KPS will donate an additional \$50 to the APS this year for its Campaign for Philately. KPS will not have a club sponsored trip to Louisville for AmeriStamp Expo next year.

The club will investigate an official KPS logo. The next KPS board meeting will be on February 5. Activities are progressing for KnoxPex 2013. Committee leaders have their individual assignments. **Carl Schmidt** has started publicity.

Submitted by Charlie Wade, Secretary

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 8