

Knoxville Philatelic Society News



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Spring has sprung!

Over the next few weeks color will begin to appear all over the countryside as flowering plants pop out. Spring is my favorite season. I love flowers and gardening almost as much as I enjoy collecting stamps. Maybe it's the color thing. Mount all of those British Machin stamps on a page and they look like a garden of different flowers. So do the United States regular issues of 1902-03 and the Presidential issues of 1938, to mention a few sets that present such wonderful colors. One of the more exciting things that I look forward to in our (my wife, Pat and me) newly purchased home is being able to garden and having my very own stamp room.

How about KnoxPex this year? Man what a bourse/show! The first day attracted more than twice as many collectors and "want to be" stamp collectors than last year. I believe we passed 180 registered attendees this year, compared to about 100 last year. The stamp dealers were busy continuously throughout the first day and stayed busy Sunday as well. Whatever was done to attract collectors this year needs to be repeated next.

Although the attendance at the live auction was disappointing, those that did attend were able to take away some bargains. I recall one auction lot with a starting bid of \$150.00 became quite exciting as two bidders battled it out before the auctioneer hammered it down at \$1000.00. This may have been the highest bid at any KnoxPex in history. Oh, the auction lot being hammered down at the least went to Dale Kangas at 25¢.

Yep, 25¢! The auction ended up with nearly \$3000 in bidding.

Though the attendance and the auction were the two standout parts of KnoxPex 2005, I certainly enjoyed seeing youngsters picking through a table full of stamps and the United States Postal Service selling stamps to collectors.

Two areas that did need attention were the exhibits and the Member Sales Table. I know that these two areas will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. I know, too, that with contributions from club members, the exhibits next year will be considerably better. I know that the success of the show portion of KnoxPex lies in the hands of those that exhibit and without exhibitors there is no show!

KnoxPex 2005 was a tremendous success and I know that I speak for all that contributed in thanking and congratulating KnoxPex 2005 Chairman Gerald Schroedl for an excellent job in bringing everything together this year. Great show Gerald! Let's do it again next year!

See you at the April 2005 meeting.

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

Jim Pettway

Letter of thanks

Dear Fellow Club Members:

The Knoxville Philatelic Society News is published monthly by the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Formed in 1980, the KPS is a member of the American Philatelic Society. Club dues are \$10.00 per year for individuals, \$12.50 per year for family and \$2.00 annually for youth 17 years of age and younger. The KPS maintains websites at:
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Knoxpex could not succeed without the help of numerous club members. I am grateful to the following individuals for their assistance with Knoxpex 2005: Bruce Roberts, Richard Ehrlich, Ralph Dinwiddie, Tom Copas, Lillard Harvey, Stu Hanlein, Dale Kangas, Tom Broadhead, Mike and Pat Kauffman, Jim Pettway, Charles Klintiver, Jean Giesler, Bruce Kenney, and Ken Korp. I am also grateful to all the club members who attended the show and auction. Now that Knoxpex 2005 is over it is time to begin preparations for next year's show. Start to think about a theme for the show. One area where we can definitely improve is the presentation of exhibits by club members. Now is a good time to plan an exhibit for Knoxpex 2006. Thank you everyone for helping with Knoxpex.

Best wishes

Gerald F. Schroedl
Show Chair

March 2005 KPS Meeting Notes

Seventeen (17) members attended the March meeting of the KPS presided over by President Tom Broadhead.

This month's meeting was held in a much larger room in the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Members voted to pay \$25.00 per meeting (currently paying \$15.00 for a small room) for this large room for future KPS meeting.

Richard Ehrlich told members about his recent discovery with purchases of some stamps. When Richard attempted to get some stamps expertised he was informed that his stamps were NOT what he thought that he had purchased!

Tom Broadhead announced that he would have a slate of officers ready to present at the April meeting. Vacancies to be filled include Secretary, Vice President and two Board members. Members will veto in May for the election of 2005-06 KPS officers and board members.

KnoxPex 2005 Chairman, Gerald Schroedl reported to members on the upcoming show/bourse. Six members reserved one hour each for time at the Member Sales Table at the rate of \$5.00 per hour. Gerald said that over 130 stamp lots had been received for the live auction, not a record but about double the lots entered last year.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

**Tuesday, April 5,
2005
7:00 P.M.**

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

Election of Officers in May

As mentioned earlier, Tom Broadhead will be putting together a slate of officers and board members for the April KPS meeting. If you would like to service the KPS in any of the open positions, please let your wishes be known. The KPS will need a Vice President and Secretary in the new year, as well as two Board of Directors. Members will elect officers at the May meeting.

Bring auction material

We haven't had much in auction material in the past few months. I want to think that it was due to preparations for KnoxPex 2005 and entering material in that live auction. We have plenty of

space in the new meeting room to spread out as many lots as you can haul in so get some items together and bring them this Tuesday night.

Welcome New Members

I'm sorry that I've overlooked saying something about new members in the past newsletters. I would like to welcome into our membership Mike Kauffman, Pat Goebel, Bill Douglas, and Robert Kennedy. These stamp collectors have joined our society since January of this year. I have met only Mike and Pat at our meetings but look forward to meeting Bill and Robert at an upcoming meeting. Mike and Pat were very active in our recent show. The KPS welcomes you all and hope that you will be an active member with your presence at the monthly meetings.

Thanks for the Articles

You have certainly read and enjoyed stamp related articles contributed to the KPS News by Tom Broadhead over the past few months. I have found the subjects most interesting. Thank you Tom for taking the time to write these articles and enhancing your articles with photos for us to enjoy.

And thanks to Stu Hanlein for his contribution to the KPS News this month. I enjoy reading about other collectors and what got them started. This isn't the first time that Stu has written for us and I hope it's not his last.

If you would like to add to the KPS News just send your article to the KPS News editor at the KPS post office box for consideration.

And Speaking of Stu

Stu Hanlein will present our program this month. As a specialized collector of United States Precancelled stamps, Stu will tell us what to look for in collecting this area of stamps. Bring along some precancels for Stu to describe to us during his presentation. I look forward to this program. Stu enjoys teaching others about his specialty and I enjoy learning. Come join in and learn about U.S. precancelled stamps.

April 2005 U.S. Stamp Issues

April 23

Robert Penn Warren
Literary Arts Series
37¢ commemorative



April 28

Yip Harburg, 37¢ commemorative



dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

Newsletter Editor Wanted!

This past month I informed our President that with the publication of the May KPS News I would like to turn over the job of editor/publisher of the KPS News to another KPS member. I have enjoyed bringing the KPS News to you each month for the past two years, but I would like to pursue other projects within the KPS. In addition I would like to spend more time with my stamp collection, which I haven't been able to enjoy for more than a few minutes at a sitting over the past months. I have appreciated your encouraging comments as

editor of the KPS News and look forward to contributing to the KPS in other ways in the future.

I encourage you to contact Tom Broadhead or Bruce Roberts and let one of them know that you would like to put this publication together each month for the KPS members.

Jim Pettway

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

April 9-10

Lexington, KY

Lexington Spring Stamp Show 2005
Continental Inn, Winchester/New Circle
Roads

10-6 Sat, 10-4 Sun

Sponsored by

Henry Clay Philatelic Society

April 16

Prattville, AL

MONTAPEX 2005

Holiday Inn

I-65 Exit 179

9-5 Saturday Only

Sponsored by:

Montgomery Area Stamp Club

April 23-24

Atlanta, GA

Spring Stamp Festival

North Atlanta Trade Center

10-6 Sat, 10-4 Sun

Sponsored by

Stamp Dirs Assn of GA

April 30

Memphis, TN

Spring Hobby Fest

Quality Suites Hotel

I-40, Exit 16

10-6 Saturday only

Sponsored by

The Stamp Den