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

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

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

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

last month as you continue reading the KPS News.

See you at the KPS meeting this month.

Jim

"Sandy" Ceremony at UT

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

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

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

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

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

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Knoxville Summer Stamp Show 2004

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

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

Stu has an idea

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

August Meeting Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

September 11-12

Lexington, KY

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

Sat - 10-5, Sun 10-4

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

September 18

Roanoke, VA

Roanoke Valley Stamp Fair,

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

Sat - 10-5

Sponsored by Red Dog Stamps

September 24-26

Atlanta, GA

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

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

Sponsored by the SEFSC

October 2-3

Asheville, NC

Stamp & Postcard Show - Blue Ridge Fall 2004,

Comfort Suites Inn,

Brevard Rd., I-26, Exit 33

Sat - 10-5, Sun - 10-4

Sponsored by Richard's Stamp Shop

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

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

September Meeting Program

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

Don't forget the auction

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

Calendar of Events September 2004

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

October 2004

- 5 KPS Meeting

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting

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

**Tennessee Valley
Unitarian Universalist
Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

August 2004 U.S. Stamp Issues

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

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

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



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