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Remembering Bettie Anne Logan

Our friend and KPS honorary life member, Bettie Anne Logan, passed away following a brief illness in late February. Bettie Anne was one of the early members of the Knoxville Stamp Club and was one of the most regular attending members at club meetings.



All of us will remember Bettie Anne fondly for her stamp charity, and KPS members, especially Bruce Kenney, Stu Hanlein, and I spent many enjoyable hours at her home working with the enormous quantities that she had. Bettie Anne had personal collections of U.S. and Iceland, but lately she had put all of her philatelic energy into the charity for Church World Services.

I will miss having her as a rider to monthly club meetings, sharing family stories, including many about her talented children and grandchildren. And Knoppex was not the same this year without Bettie Anne and her lady friends selling stamps that they had so carefully soaked and sorted from her sales books.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Knoppex 2009 is now history and it was a tremendous success. Our new location proved to be perfect. Dealers and buyers seemed pleased with the clean, comfortable bourse area. The second room gave us plenty of space for our new collectors area, auction, exhibits, and registration. Parking was convenient, and the hotel staff friendly and cooperative.

The heart of the show is the bourse, and I was able to take home several items to fill in some spots in my album. Spending time around the dealers and other buyers was a great way to add to my knowledge and make me aware of areas beyond my personal interests. I also enjoy spending a block of time looking over the exhibits. These provide an opportunity to go in-depth in different philatelic areas and see what other collectors are passionate about. I am always grateful to the people who take the time to put together an exhibit, and they add a great deal to the show. Add to all of this the Saturday night auction and the weekend was complete.

A weekend like this does not just happen on its own. I want to express a special thank you to every member who helped make the event a success. A special thank you is due to Gerald Schroedl, who headed up the entire project and made it all look easy. Jim Pettway took care of the bourse, contacting dealers and overseeing the setup of the room. Thomas Lane covered all the finances for the weekend, as well as serving as our go between with the hotel. Thanks go out to Tom Broadhead for publicity and planning, and to Bruce Roberts, for taking charge of the exhibits. I also thank Ralph Dinwiddie, for the beautiful cachet and cancel designs.

I can't wait to see everyone and hear the stories from the weekend. **Don't forget our 5th Tuesday meeting on March 31st and our regular meeting on April 7th.** I'll see you there.

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 3, 2009

The KPS March meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by vice-president Ralph Dinwiddie. There were 25 members and visitors in attendance. Since the February meeting was cancelled, there were no minutes to be approved. The treasurer's report was approved, showing a balance of \$8240.39.

Visitors and new members were welcomed: Don and Cheri Floyd and their son, Stephen Floyd, Brian Mason, and Paul Wennermark. Others were welcomed back after some absence: David Warfel and Stuart Hanlein. Ralph Dinwiddie passed around Inaugural Covers he prepared. We will be receiving ours in a few weeks. A sympathy card was signed for the family of Bettie Anne Logan, who passed away February 25.

Committees reported on all that has been done on Knospex 2009 this weekend. Thanks to all the planners!!!! Helpers will be needed for set up on Friday beginning at 3 pm, and on Saturday morning, also on Sunday at 4 pm to break down. There was a motion and second that people joining KPS at Knospex would pay dues of \$10 for the remainder of 2009. The motion passed with a show of hands. Jim Pettway asked if the club could provide several gift certificates (at a cost of \$10 each) for door prizes at the show, and some also will be donated by dealers. By a show of hands, it was agreed that the

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

Annual dues are \$15.00.

KPS Officers:

President	Roy Row
Past President	Jim Pettway
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Jo Mynatt
Directors	Richard Ehrlich, Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, Bruce Roberts
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

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club would do this, if necessary. Several members mentioned that they were bringing things to donate. Tom Broadhead and Thomas Lane told about their experiences at the APS AmeriStamp Expo show last month, where they bought stamps to be included with future newsletters. Both won awards for their exhibits. Congratulations, Tom and Thomas!!! The program for the April meeting will be given by Charlie Wade.

Other topics discussed included Tom Broadhead's plan to have a program to help Boy Scouts earn a merit, which will be investigated further through the BSA Council, and the need to have committee heads for Knospex 2010, with the possible theme - 100th anniversary of BSA. The board will decide at the March 31 meeting and will propose a slate of officers, including two new directors, for the upcoming election. There was discussion on how to get more people at the meetings, a possibility of "Social Saturdays" was brought up as a way to attract people that cannot come during the week or at night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, followed by conversation, browsing through the "scratch boxes" and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events

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

March 31 – KPS board meeting and 5th Tuesday swap and shop with the APS Circuit Sales Books

April 7 – KPS monthly meeting. Charlie Wade will give the program on grading stamps, postponed from February's cancelled meeting.

May 5 – KPS monthly meeting. Program to be announced.

Philatelic Riddle

What word begins with "e," ends with "e," and contains one letter? The answer is on page 4.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp (Scott 588) commemorates the 2nd anniversary of Indonesian president Sukarno's visit to the Philippines. Issued October 5, 1953, these stamps are engraved and lithographed. They were donated by Tom Broadhead.



The First Scout Stamps

By Tom Broadhead

In 1907, Robert Baden-Powell, a decorated British veteran of the Boer War founded the **Scouting Movement**, which in the U.S. was incorporated as the **Boy Scouts of America** by William D. Boyce on February 8, 1910. Baden-Powell, together with his wife and sister founded the **Girl Guides Movement** in 1910 to provide similar opportunities to young women, and the **Girl Scouts of the USA** was founded by Juliet Gordon Low on March 12, 1912. It is exciting to note that both of these organizations will celebrate their founding in the United States in the next few years.

How did the idea of scouting begin? It actually predates by almost a decade Baden-Powell's Scouting Movement. During the late 1800's, a bitter conflict between British colonists and the Boers, who were descendants of Dutch colonists, erupted in southern Africa. Philatelically, this is a fascinating area of study, because there were several independent states established by the Boers, all of which ultimately were incorporated into the Union of South Africa following the British victory. The origin of the idea of scouting for young men and the first stamps related to that all come from the Boer siege of a small town called Mafeking.

Baden-Powell and 1,500 troops had been sent to Mafeking, a key town on the railroad north from Capetown, as a diversion to attract Boer troops away from an invasion of Natal colony. In other words, the siege, which lasted from October 14, 1899 to May 16, 1900, was planned by the besieged! The uncertain thing about sieges, however, is their duration, and stamps for use in and around Mafeking were in short supply, as were currency banknotes.

Initially, this problem was solved by overprinting stocks of existing stamps for the Cape of Good Hope colony and the Bechuanaland Protectorate (overprinted on British stamps) with the words "MAFEKING BESIEGED." Those were used only as long as existing stocks permitted, and by April, 1900 there was a need to print stamps. The scarcity of materials resulted in the ingenious use of glass printing plates and chemically treated ordinary papers that produced both stamps and a required banknote by what we now know as the "blueprint" process.

Three different stamps were printed in sheets of 12 (shown below at right), and used examples are all postmarked in April or May. A large and small format, featured Colonel Baden-Powell. The third showed a 12-year old military cadet, Warner Goodyear, riding a bicycle used for mail delivery within the town and nearby surrounding areas. The Mafeking cadet corps, including boys as young as 9, conducted many basic and essential services during the siege.



Initially, Queen Victoria was "not amused" that postage stamps had been issued without her portrait, but she later knighted Baden-Powell. The energetic cadets displayed heroism and fortitude during the siege and were part of Baden-Powell's inspiration to found the Scouting Movement.

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Mafeking cadet corps with Warner Goodyear at far right.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 7

We're Famous, We're Famous!!

Well, maybe not famous, but in the two weeks leading up to Knospex 2009, KPS had a lot of press coverage. The first was a great article in the *Knoxville News Sentinel* on March 1. Thanks to Jim Pettway for contacting a writer, who gave us great coverage on the show, along with a photo of Jim, Bruce Roberts, Tom Broadhead, Mike Kaufmann, and Pat Goebel. Just a few days later, Tom Broadhead was featured in an interview in *Metro Pulse* that also gave show information.

The philatelic press did not let us down, either. We were listed in the print and online show listings of *American Philatelist*, and *Linn's* had Knospex listed for 10 weeks, along with a cachet listing (which has brought many orders) and a listing for our cancel. The highlight from *Linn's*, however, was the March 2 issue, which featured the following in "Readers' Opinions." It is the photo from the holiday party with (back row) Elaine Evans, Tom Broadhead, Bruce Roberts, Roy Row, Mike Carmichael, Susan Row, Randy Haese, and (front row) Lillard Harvey and Sue Haese.

Gift magnifiers
Janet Klug's Jan. 26 Refresh-er Course on magnification was right on the mark.



Members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society show off the magnifiers they received in the society's gift exchange.

During the gift exchange at the Knoxville Philatelic Society's monthly meeting, nine lucky and happy members and guests received magnifiers. Forget about the Wii and the xBox – 2008's best holiday gift for your favorite stamp collector was a magnifier.

Tom Broadhead
Knoxville, Tenn.

New Machins Will Be Hard To Remove

By Tom Broadhead

Recent articles in *Linn's Stamp News* gave warning of problems for stamp soakers that might even eclipse the problems found with current U.S. stamps. Royal Mail, the British government postal agency, announced new security measures on its Machin definitive stamps. For more information about the history of this beautiful stamp issue, see Charlie Wade's article in the March 2009 issue of the KPS Newsletter.

In addition to security overprints on the Machin definitives, Royal Mail added another feature – curved cuts in the stamp paper designed to make stamp removal next to impossible without tearing.



These images are from the web site of Ian Norvic, who has a great discussion and illustrations of the new features – www.norvic-philatelics.co.uk. On the first class stamp, the cuts can be seen just above and below the "I" and on the one pound stamp, the cuts are centered above and below the "1." Issued beginning on February 17, the cuts appear on the most common stamps (1st and 2nd denominated) and on the pound values.

There is hope, and the Machin Mania blog site – <http://machinmania.blogspot.com> – has postings that suggest Ronson brand lighter fluid may work.

Thanks to our Photographers

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Answer to the Riddle

Envelope

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 5