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KPS Updates

On Wednesday, July 27, KPS lost one of its favorite members, and KPS members lost a valued friend and trusted stamp dealer. Bill Muenzer, one of our longest-standing members and member-dealers, lost his battle with lung cancer. At the August 2 KPS meeting, we will discuss suitable ways to honor and remember Bill. Do you have a favorite Bill Muenzer story or experience? If so, please send it to me. We will dedicate the "large article" next month to our shared reminiscences of Bill.

Opportunities for KPS members to add to their collections seem to grow month by month. Just a few weeks ago, Bill donated to the club the remainder of his collection and sales stock with the intent that the proceeds be divided between KPS and his family. Some of the truly spectacular stamps are featured in this newsletter, and KPS members can contact Bruce Roberts to leave a bid offer. He will also market these stamps to dealers at the APS StampShow, and the lucky owners will be those KPS members or APS dealers who offered the most. There are many other, much less expensive items, including covers and postal history, which Bruce is working up for purchase at our monthly meetings.

In other member news, Bruce Roberts was invited this month to give a presentation at the Chattanooga Stamp Club on Tennessee Confederate Provisional Stamps, and I was invited to give a presentation at the Holston Stamp Club in Bristol about my trip to Asia and its philatelic history. It's all about getting the word out about our hobby – to fellow collectors and to the general public.

Don't pass up the opportunity to shop for stamps at Bill Vance's bourse on August 20-21 at the Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff. Bill has been a longtime loyal dealer at Knoxpex shows and last year took over the responsibility for the summer bourse that Bill Muenzer had organized for many years.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I hope everyone had a great July 4th holiday. My wife and I have been in Maryland babysitting our 18 month old granddaughter which has been quite an experience! Of course my wife was in 7th heaven as the state of DE, which was a mere 3 minute drive north of our beachfront condo, has a zillion discount malls (like Pigeon Forge) except there is *no* state sales tax! This put a dent in my pocketbook and limited my stamp searching. I did manage to work on my July the 7th collection, which I first described in the July 2010 KPS News. My objective is to get an item canceled on my birth date from July 7, 1938 to the present. I now have over half of the 73 dates that I need. My favorite card is one from Washington, DC post marked on July 7, 1938 the actual date and place where I was born. Wherever I happen to be on my birthday, I purchase a few local postcards, stamp them, take them to the local post office, and have them hand canceled. I have learned the hard way, not to let the card go through the mail, but instead take it back after it has been canceled. I decided to hit several post offices armed with a fist full of cards available in the resort area. I had very good success at the Ocean City, MD and Berlin, MD post offices.

I am looking forward to getting back home and chasing after some more stamps. With all the material that our club has available it will be fun stamping for quite some time. Please join us at the next few meetings and enjoy the fun of acquiring more stamps for your collection at reasonable prices. We will greatly benefit from the generosity of our former local stamp dealer, Bill Muenzer, who gave a sizeable lot of stamps to our club. There are quite a few high ticket items in this lot and we will attempt some different approaches to merchandising them to get a maximum return to the club and Bill. All the more reason to attend our August meeting and see some of the material!

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – July 5, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 for the regular monthly meeting. Vice President Tom Ringenbach presided. There were 23 people present. Jack Moyers, a guest at the meeting, recently moved to the Knoxville area from Salt Lake City. He gave a recap of his background and collecting interests.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was presented and approved. The current club accounts total \$7,317.67. Through June 30 a total of \$1,505.77 had been purchased from the "Henderson Collection" and "The Nickel Albums." Reservations have been made for the 2011 Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 6 at the Great American Steak & Buffet.

KPS received thank you letters from the APS acknowledging our recent contributions. Neil Henderson gave the club some photos from KPS activities in the 1980's. (Ron Mynatt noted that Jo hadn't changed a bit!). Harry Brooks shared the appreciation of the Conklin family for the club's remembrance of Forrest. The APS Stamp Show will be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 11 – 14. Several members plan to attend. An excellent opportunity exists for members to attend the 2012 AmeriStamp Expo/Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta January 27 – 29, 2012.

Tom Rigenbach presented the program, "By the Seat of Their Pants: The Early Years of Airmail Service." This was a show from the APS. Tom encouraged members to visit the APS website and suggest future programs from their catalogue. There will be a Saturday meeting on

July 16 at the First Christian Church in Maryville with Roy Row as host.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

Knoxville Philatelic Society Board Meeting – July 23, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society officers and directors convened for a special Board of Directors meeting at the First Christian Church in Maryville on Saturday 23, 2011. Board members present were Stu Hanlein, Ralph Dinwiddie, Tom Ringenbach, Charlie Wade, Bruce Roberts, Roy Row. Several members attended as observers. President Tom Stu Hanlein presided.

The following items were discussed and action taken. A sign-out process for the "Nickel Albums" will be instituted. Stu Hanlein will keep the check-out records. Bruce Roberts updated the board on the status of The Henderson Collection. He will continue to publish an updated inventory as he progresses. Bill Muenzer has given a substantial collection to the KPS. Bill's wishes are that this be used for "members to have fun" and if there is any monetary gain, a portion of it to be passed back to his family. The board has proposed that after any related expenses are paid, KPS will receive a 20% commission on the sale of any items to members and 80% will be paid to the Muenzer family. On any items sold to those other than KPS members proceeds will be split on a 50/50% basis between KPS and the family. Bruce Roberts will propose such a plan to the family.

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Upcoming Events

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

August 2 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: Commemorative Stamps of Great Britain by Charlie Wade

August 20-21 – Summer Stamp Bourse – Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff – Bill Vance – bwstamps@aol.com

August 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, followed by swap and shop with APS Circuit Sales books and Muenzer and Henderson collections.

Stamp of the Month

Our August stamp is the 5 pence (pre-decimal currency) definitive stamp of Australia featuring Queen Elizabeth II. The stamp (Scott 319) is beautifully engraved and printed in dark blue, issued on October 1, 1959. These come from the gift of Betty Anne Logan.



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	Stu Hanlein
Past President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Vice President	Tom Ringenbach
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Bruce Roberts, Roy Row, Charlie Stinnett, Dave Warfel
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

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

Knoxville Stamp Collectors Have a New Website: KnoxStamps.com

By Ralph Dinwiddie

The Welcome screen of this new website tells us, "KnoxStamps.com is designed as a resource for stamp collectors in the Knoxville Tennessee area. It contains information about local philatelic events, clubs, meetings, shows, and other fun stuff. Hopefully, stamp collectors from other regions will also find this site a useful and fun place to visit. Everyone is encouraged to submit content and suggestions." The site contains a great deal of useful information already and its growing every day. In the past, people had to go to websites such as the APS or



Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs in order to find out if Knoxville has a stamp club. These sites have limited information and are not designed with the local collector in mind. On the other hand, KnoxStamps.com is all about the local stamp scene. This site contains past KPS Newsletters (including many from the 19th Century), every newsletter cachet, directions to meetings (including maps), a calendar of events, photos from KPS events, and information on past and future Knoxpex Shows.

KnoxStamps.com is not just about the Knoxville Philatelic Society. It has links to other interesting philatelic websites and this list is growing all the time. It contains philatelic videos from the National Postal Museum, as well as from Tom Broadhead. You will find press releases from the USPS right alongside the latest headlines from KnoxNews. Oh, and did I mention, it also has the 5-Day Weather Forecast for Knoxville, right on the home page. So you will never get caught out in the rain with your stamps. Another interesting area of the website under development is the "Philatelic Encyclopedia." This is a visual representation of the many areas of Philately arranged in alphabetical order. The cool thing about this Encyclopedia is that it's open to your contributions. So, if you would like to see something from your collection displayed as an example of some specific topic, you can just submit the photo along with a short caption (or an entire page description). There are virtually no limits to the amount of information and pictures which can be displayed, since there are no printing costs or memory storage costs involved.

Where did this website come from? Who's behind it and is it the "official" KPS website? To get the answers to these questions I didn't have to go very far. I created this website at the end of June and have been working on it in my spare time for the last month. Currently, it's not the "Official KPS Website" since I'm the only person in editorial control of the content and have paid for it out of my own pocket. However, I'm completely willing to allow the club to take over this site and make it "Official." Either way, I hope the club will benefit from this resource and take full advantage of it by submitting relevant information, such as, items for the Philatelic Encyclopedia, copies of presentations given at KPS meetings and exhibits shown at Knoxpex. In the future, this resource can be used to display auction items for sale to members, or to poll the membership to gauge interest in new programs and activities. The possibilities are endless! So check it out and let's work together to make it the best resource it can be. Please feel free to let me know any suggestions you have to make the Website more useful and fun.

www.knoxstamps.com

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 2

Gems from Bill Muenzer's Collection

Our great, departed member, Bill Muenzer donated the remainder of his collection to KPS, to divide the proceeds between the club and his family. The stamps shown below are available for bid by KPS members and will be taken to the APS StampShow in Columbus to offer to dealers. Each lot will be sold to the highest offer. Thanks go to Bruce Roberts for organizing these.



US Scott 39 – used
3 margins - \$280



US Scott 64b –
unused VF,
disturbed OG, H,
APEX Certificate,
Filled thin - \$600



US Scott 291 – Mint NH, F-VF
\$2,000



Austria N49 LH, OG
1918 Trentino Ovpt.
Certificate - \$4,250



Canada Scott 103 – Mint NH,
F - \$625.00



French Colonies
Scott 8, OG, LH
\$1,000 (for NH)



Great Britain Scott 110 – used, VF - \$3,250

Additional stamps are shown on the insert page.

KPS Board Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2011 (continued from page 2).

From Bill's collection a number of high-value items have been identified [shown above]. KPS members may submit a bid on any of these by August 10. These items will then be taken to the APS StampShow in Columbus, Ohio, August 11 – 14, where they will be offered to dealers for sale. They will be sold to the highest bidder, either KPS members or stamp dealers. Discussions on how to use the proceeds from Bill's collection was tabled until a later date.

The board agreed with email postings of KPS members' "For Sale" items to other members. Jim Pettway has volunteered to coordinate such activity. A summer stamp bourse, conducted by Bill Vance, will be held in Knoxville August 20-21. KPS will recruit new members there and will offer a \$5 membership for the remainder of this year or a \$17 membership valid through 2012.

The board authorized Bruce Roberts up to \$2,000 for purchase of collections for the club at the upcoming Regency auction at the APS StampShow in Columbus. There was one dissenting vote.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, September 6

Gems from Bill Muenzer's Collection – continued from page 4.



Italy Scott 31a – unused, OG
PESA Certificate - \$7,250



Italy Scott 39 – unused, OG, H,
UR corner perf crease, APS Certificate
\$1,000



Italy Scott 40 – unused, OG, H, XF
APS Certificate - \$875



Italian Socialist Republic – not listed in Scott – LH, OG, se-tenant pairs. Sassone 1-6.



This set is a puzzler. The copies from Bill's collection at the top show se-tenant "Cuvio" overprints, but they are not a mixture of black and red – as shown in the authentic copies above. However, they do show the similar colors as a set in the July 2011 Apflebaum sale, which were given a catalog value of \$3,600. The copies at top also lack the back stamp purple branch, which is attributed to genuine copies.



Italy – Italian Socialist Republic
 Scott Q1-12, se-tenant pairs, H,
 OG - \$1,200

Enlargement of the 50 centesimi
 above.



Mauritius Scott 6a – used with very
 light cancel and large to jumbo
 margins – \$3,750.00.