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KPS is a Stand Out!

During the summer, I was delighted to get an e-mail from Liz Hisey, an APS judge, who is also very active in the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. Liz asked if I would join Tony Dewey from Connecticut and Van Siegling from Michigan in presenting a seminar at the AAPE 25th anniversary observance at Chicagopex in mid-November. It would give the three of us the opportunity to talk in a public forum about the great things that our clubs do through club activities and shows. Tony and Van chose to focus on club shows, so I had the great pleasure of talking (or bragging) about the many things that KPS does.

I created a powerpoint presentation, with lots of photos of the club, scans of newsletters, and screenshots of our web presence. It touched on our stamp programs, web presence, meeting programs, cachets and newsletter, and many other qualities that make KPS the great club it is.



Talking about KPS at Chicagopex – and wearing my KPS log shirt!

We plan to create a powerpoint to share ideas that can be downloaded by other clubs at the AAPE and APS web sites. Thanks and happy holidays to all KPS members.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

Here we are getting ready for our annual Holiday dinner meeting—does it seem to you that time is passing more quickly than ever? We will once again dine at the Great American Steak & Buffet Restaurant, 900 Merchant's Drive at Clinton Highway, 6:30 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person payable to our loyal Treasurer **Thomas Lane** at the restaurant. KPS will cover any additional cost and gratuity. The restaurant has a wide variety of items and service was excellent last year. I hope to see many of our members in attendance with spouses. Don't forget to bring along a philatelic or non-philatelic gift for our exchange, which was enjoyed by all who participated last year and should be more fun this year!

I would like the membership to think about having the club purchase a complete set of the Scott Catalogs for 2012. In the past, we could always stop by Bill Muenzer's shop and check out our stamps. The Knoxville Public Library orders only one set per year which can be taken out by card holders. As of today, they still don't have all of the volumes for 2012. The set is very heavy to lug around, and we would need a volunteer to be the club librarian if we decide to buy a set. When the next year's set becomes available we could auction off the old ones at our October club auction. The complete set runs about \$400.00 plus shipping. Think about it for future discussion, please.

Finally, we need to know how many people want to go on a bus trip to Atlanta, GA for the APS Ameri-Stamp/Southeastern Stamp EXPO on Saturday January 28th, 2012. We would leave Knoxville around 7:00 AM and return around 10:00 PM. **Tom Broadhead** has an estimate of \$1150 for a 32-person coach, and the cost to go would be \$20.00 for club members and family guests. Tom and **Jim Pettway** will e-mail you soon for an indication of interest.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – November 1, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 for the regular monthly meeting. President **Stu Hanlein** presided. There were 24 people present including two guests from the Tri-cities area stamp club.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read. **Thomas Lane's** treasurer's report was approved; the current club accounts total \$9,227.64. In a recent action, the board approved the opening of a savings account at Bank East. The club currently owes \$640 to the Bill Muenzer estate.

An update on Knoxpex 2012 was given by **Charlie Wade**. **Stu Hanlein** reviewed the process for the Knoxpex auction. Members were reminded to vote for the preferred show cachet which **Ralph Dinwiddie** has posted on-line.

Bruce Roberts reported this will be the last night of the silent auction of the KPS Regency and Muenzer lots. Those unsold in this auction will be processed for "net sale" starting in January. A KPS sponsored bus trip to the January stamp show in Atlanta is questionable since there has been a low response. An email surveying members' intent will again be sent. The board will decide at the November 29th if the trip will be sponsored.

The annual Holiday party will be Tuesday, December 6 at the Great American Steak & Buffet on Merchants Drive. Cost to each member will be \$10.00. The club will "pick-up" any extra charges, tax and tip. If members

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

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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.

would like to participate in a gift exchange they may

bring a \$5.00 item. There will be a 5th Tuesday meeting on November 29 with a board meeting proceeding this "swap & trade meeting"

Following the business meeting, the program was a 3-page clothesline exhibit from member's collections. Thanks to those that exhibited.

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary



Stu Hanlein, Steve Daunt, and Barbara Steverson viewed some of the "clothesline exhibits."

Muenzer Estate Update

Last month's newsletter reported the upcoming auction of several stamps from Bill Muenzer's estate. At the November 21 Chicagopex auction conducted by Regency Stamp Auctions, they sold for a total of \$2530, half of which goes to KPS.

Upcoming Events

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

December 6 – 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 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program TBA – updates on Knoxpex 2012.

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.

Stamp of the Month

The principality of Monaco is located on the Mediterranean coast of France. This month's stamp, a gift from **Mike Kauffman** and **Pat Goebel**, is the 25 centime stamp of the 2nd issue, showing Prince Albert I (Scott 13). It's catalog value is a hefty \$5.75.



Thanks for the holiday treat, Mike and Pat!

Collecting U.S. Christmas Stamps and More

By Jim Pettway

Some years ago I became bored with my stamp collecting. I was to the point in my United States collection of needing only those stamps that were beyond my stamp budget for the most part. My foreign specialty collections were in about the same shape. So what to do? Start a fun topical collection. With a few used United States Christmas issues I had, I began a topical collection.

The first United States Christmas stamp was issued in 1962. The 4¢ Christmas Wreath stamp (Scott 1205) has been followed each year by a new Christmas issue or issues. In 1966 the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee approved the first religious Christmas stamp. The 5¢ Madonna and Child stamp (Scott 1321) was released under great controversy. Beginning in 1970 the Post Office Department began the issuance of both a religious Christmas stamp and a secular Christmas Stamp.



In addition to collecting U.S. Christmas stamps I have picked up a few First Day Covers from stamp/cover shows that I've attended. And I have even stretched my topical stamp collection and First Day of Issue covers to early Christmas cards (at right) that get my attention. My collection of Christmas stamps, covers and related material has been fun and inexpensive. You might want to consider starting your own topical collection. Make it your way and have some fun collecting. You don't have to spend a lot of money.

Recently I decided to join the American Topical Association (ATA). Members of this organization help each other by researching and compiling topical check lists to share with other members. Members also write interesting articles for the association's bi-monthly publication, *Topical Times*. If you are interested in joining the ATA just drop me an email: jbpettway@comcast.net.



----- **Celebrate the Season – Don't Miss the KPS Holiday Dinner!**

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 – bring a guest & bring a gift to exchange! Don't forget to complete **Joe Kirker's** stamp quiz and bring it to the dinner. We'll meet at the Great American Steak & Buffet – 900 Merchants Dr., Knoxville 37912.



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, December 6

Web Sites You May Want to Visit

Keep sending me the links to web sites that you find interesting and helpful in your philatelic pursuits. Send me an e-mail at tomwb50@aol.com with the web address and a few words about the content.

Recommendation from **Tom Broadhead**:

www.philatelicfoundation.org – has a great search function (click on Certificate Search and fill in the form) with photos of stamps on which the Philatelic Foundation has rendered expert opinions. I did a search for US number 1 – there are 4254 listings! This site is a treasure trove of images of genuine, altered, and fake stamps.

Your Comments on the USPS Rule to Allow Images of Living Persons on US Stamps

My vote is AGAINST putting living people on stamps. If someone is still considered worthy for several years after their death, then that should make them a candidate, but there are too many "here today, gone tomorrow" people of celebrity and notoriety for my taste. – **Beverly Rice**

As most stamp collectors seem to agree, I think this is a very bad idea. I have a few people in mind that I would consider worthy. But other people probably have recommendation I do not like, and vice-versa. Not only would this be a complicated process of selection and approval, I'm afraid it would become a forum for political or religious or social issues. I could foresee a 4-year cycle of George Bush, Dick Chaney & Billy Graham followed by 4-years of Barak Obama, Nancy Pelosi & Ralph Nader. Can you imagine the US Senate in a filibuster over who will be on this week's postage stamp; Everett Dirksen and Mike Mansfield would turn over in their grave. As another note, if this did come to reality, I would think as the winningest college football coach in history, Joe Paterno should be honored as was Bear Bryant and Knute Rockne. I'm sure my Penn State colleagues would concur..... Oops, so much for that idea! See what problems this could create. – **Charlie Wade**

Living US Presidents or Nobel Laureates – **Elaine Evans**



My choice would be Pee Wee Herman [aka Paul Reubens]. I think he exemplifies what America is all about! – **Mark Mitckes**

How about Peyton Manning? More than a football hero. – **Jim Pettway**

[editor's note – the photo on the left is Pee Wee Herman, the photo on the right is Peyton Manning.]



Shopping for Stamps at the November KPS Meeting



Elaine Evans checked the APS Circuit Books for Egypt.



Carly Baskette and **Stu Hanlein** looked over recent US sheetlets.



Charles Stinnett and grandson, **Andrew**, found some bargains in the Regency auction purchases.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 3