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New Stamps and New Rates for 2009

By the time you receive this newsletter, the USPS will have issued four new commemorative stamps in 2009. As I sit here on January 6, one of these, the Alaska statehood 50th anniversary has already appeared, but I



haven't seen one in the mail, yet. Others to follow in the next few days will be the Lunar New Year – Year

of the Ox and stamps honoring Oregon statehood and the birth of Edgar Alan Poe. If you want to see the latest press releases on 2009 stamps, visit the USPS web site – www.usps.com – and click on the “About USPS & News” tab at the upper right.

Later this year, we will have more of the state flags coil series, which I have enjoyed collecting on cover. The Hawaii statehood stamp will be another treat to look for in the months to come. But something to be aware of is the planned postal rate hike that should take effect this year. The letter rate will rise to 44 cents, along with costs of other types of mail.



Stay tuned for future announcements about the new rates and the stamps they will bring.

President's Column

It amazes me how things in our lives come together at various stages in the journey. Our hobby of stamp collecting is no exception. As a high school student in the late 1960's, I was licensed as WA3MCL, an Advanced Class Amateur Radio operator. I spent many nights huddled over the glowing tubes in my transmitter talking on Morse code and voice with other hams and listening to short-wave programs broadcast from all over the world. I followed the war in Viet Nam through international eyes and was interested in the different viewpoints that were expressed.

Although I still have my license, I don't spent much time talking on the radio any longer. I have, however, kept up my interest in listening to short-wave broadcasts. Last year I found a way to tie in my interest in stamps with my listening habit. Saturday night often finds me relaxing with my stamp collection and listening to the short-wave. Imagine my surprise when I heard a program on stamps broadcast by Radio Havana Cuba! Since then, I am a regular listener.

Radio Havana broadcasts on the frequency of 6140 megahertz in the evenings. Between 9:00 and 9:30 PM they air a program called “The World of Stamps” dealing with stamp collecting and topics from all around the world. (The show is repeated at 10PM.) The exciting thing is that at the end of each broadcast they offer a test question for listeners based on the information given. Answer the question right, and you receive a packet of stamps from Cuba. The stamps are different each week, enabling a collector to get a good start on a Cuba collection. For those who can't receive short-wave, I am sure that Radio Havana streams their broadcast on the internet at the same time. You can email them at radiohc@enet.cu.

Tom Broadhead

Roy Row

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 6, 2009

The KPS January meeting was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. There were 17 members and visitors present. Jim Pettway introduced new members Joe Kirken and Paul Wennermark, and visitor Stephen Floyd and his parents, Don and Cheri Floyd. The meeting was called to order by president Roy Row at 7:15 PM.

Russ Haese presented a very interesting program on the processes used to make the paper for stamps, definitions of terms for the various papers, and how watermarks are made and how to look for them to identify your stamps. Russ also passed around several exhibit pages showing stage color printings of German stamps.

In the business meeting Roy Row announced that Charlie Wade would give the program next month on grading of stamps. The minutes were approved as published, the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8243.91. Thomas Lane has renewed the club's CD at 3.9%.

There was discussion of Jim Cate's nomination for APS Director-at-Large. Tom Broadhead moved and Thomas Lane seconded that we second his nomination, and the motion passed.

Knoxplex 2009 chair Gerald Schroedl reviewed points of the show: (1) Thomas Lane – the banner can be mounted at the hotel, (2) Tom Broadhead – publicity is underway, the new Lincoln stamps will be issued Feb. 9, the Post Office is lined up, the show cancel has been approved, (3) Jim Pettway - 13 dealers are confirmed, (4) Bruce Roberts – exhibits are needed. Gerald announced that he is arranging with Lincoln Memorial University to exhibit copies of items from its museum. Russ Haese announced

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

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.

that the Tennessee Germany Philatelic Society has disbanded. Mike Kauffman will have surgery tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

KPS Board meeting – December 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM with 15 members and visitors present. Bruce Roberts said that we can place a KPS label on the folder containing the *American Philatelist*, which the club donates to the library. Our web site could invite new visitors and inquiries about the club. We have been asked to second a nomination for Jim Cate to be an APS Director-at-Large. We will vote on that at the regular meeting.

Jim Pettway discussed the possible participation of the local postcard club in Knoxplex 2009. We will issue a special invitation to them for the show and ask if any of their members will give a program at our club in the future. Ralph Dinwiddie announced that the CD of past KPS newsletters is not yet completed and is lacking some issues. Thomas Lane reported that the club's CD (\$) has been renewed at an excellent rate.

Jim Pettway indicated that we have 13 dealers for Knoxplex 2009, layout and arrangements are in the works. Bruce Roberts will have the APS exhibitors guide for the most popular exhibit award. Gerald Schroedl reported that exhibit entry forms and the auction forms may be found on the web site. Ralph Dinwiddie's cancel design has been approved. It was suggested that we print 120 cacheted envelopes for the show. Tom Broadhead and Jim Pettway reported on publicity in *Linn's* and *American Philatelist*, web sites, future public service announcements, and a sign at the motel. Roy Row will check with Bill Muenzer's son about security. Jim Pettway will ask dealers to donate items or coupons for door prizes, and club members may donate items. We would like to give a door prize every hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Mynatt, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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

March 3 – KPS monthly meeting. Knoxplex 2009 final details.

March 7-8 – Knoxplex 2009 – Honoring the 200th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Holiday Inn Select on Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville.

March 14-15 – Nashville Stamp Show 2009 – Music Valley Event Center, Nashville.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the Schwarzdruck (black print) sheet featured in Russ Haese's article on the next page. Thanks to Russ for donating these spectacular items.

The *Schwarzdruck* (Black Print) Issues of the former German Democratic Republic

By Russ Haese

Black Prints are black and white (gray-scale) printings of a release level stamp(s) with the stamp value or franking crossed through, making them invalid for postal use. The stamp(s) in a Black Print are not perforated and are printed on ungummed regular or presentation folder paper.

A total of twenty-four Black Prints were issued by the East German (DDR) Postal Authority from 1977 through 1990, when the East & West Germany postal authorities were combined. Black Prints were printed for miniature souvenir sheets, stamp sets and for combination strips (with labels). Black Prints were issued for sale at first day of issue / stamp exhibition ceremonies at a rate of one Black Print issue per year, except for 1988, in which there were two issues. The event sale price for these ranged from 2-4 Marks (\$1.00 - \$2.00) each. Of these fifteen printings, four were also included in the hard bound Year Book releases. Of the remaining nine Black Print issues, seven were made available one in each of the 1984-1990 Year Book publications and two were included only in special philatelic presentation folders. Black Print quantities printed ranged from about 50,000 for the two presentation folder sales, 27,000 – 60,000 for the Year Book only inclusion sales, 68,000 – 190,000 for the first day of issue stamp event sales and 95,000 – 236,000 for the combined stamp event and Year Book inclusion sales.

Although Black Prints are specialized items and are not often seen at dealer bourses, occasionally they can be found on *eBay*, although often not properly identified. Each of the East Germany Black Prints is identified in the *Michel Deutschland-Spezial* catalog, but they are not found in the *Standard Scott* catalog. The Black Print included in this newsletter is of the July 22, 1986, “9th Youth Stamp Exhibition, Berlin” combination strip of a semipostal stamp + label + regular postage stamp, shown below with the corresponding Black Print.



Scott #2554a. / Michel #W Zd 683* (Michel #3030, #3031 + label)



Michel #W Zd 683 S*

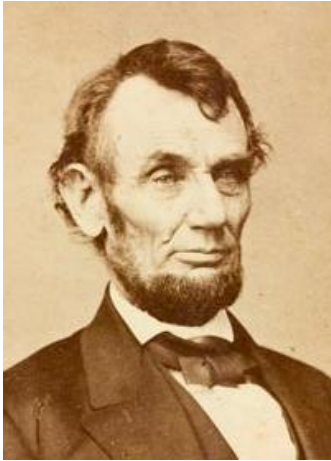
190,000 issued Sale Price: 3, M (@ \$1.50) 2005 CV: 4, Euro (@ \$6.00)

- * where: **W** = Waagerecht => horizontal
 Zd = Zusammendrucke => combination strip (+label)
 683 = indexed horizontal combination strip number
 S = category for proofs & black prints

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 3

Famous Lincoln Portrait and its Stamps

By Tom Broadhead



One of the most widely recognized portraits of Abraham Lincoln was the photograph by Civil War era photographer, Matthew Brady. It was taken by Brady on February 9, 1864

and widely reproduced on photographic visiting cards of the time. It has since appeared on the U.S. \$5 bank note, prior to the most recent redesign, and on three U.S. stamps.



Notice how the 5 cent stamp of 1903 is very true to the photo, but designs of the 1923, 3 cent stamp at left and the 25 cent airmail stamp of 1960 changed the direction of the gaze of the eyes.



Knoxpex Volunteers Needed

Knoxpex 2009 is only a month away and we need your help to make the show a success. Please plan to lend a hand with show preparations, show events, and the show's conclusion, and be sure to be at February's club meeting for more details about Knoxpex.

We need help setting up the show Friday afternoon and early evening, getting the dealer tables in place (Jim Pettway is Bourse chair) and putting up exhibit frames (Bruce Roberts is Exhibits chair). On Saturday and Sunday we need 6 or 8 people taking turns to greet the public at our registration/hospitality table, and on Saturday night we will need at least 8 volunteers to help with the auction (Gerald Schroedl is Auction chair). We always have an area set aside for beginning collectors (youngsters and adults) so volunteering your time to get someone started in stamp collecting is very important, and it would be great if you would donate some philatelic materials for educating beginners (Randy Haese is in charge). When the show ends on Sunday we will need some folks to take down the exhibit frames and to clean up.

I know you will want to attend the show. Spending a little time helping with the show will only add to your experience and ensure the club of having another great Knoxpex event. Be sure to submit some auction lots (the auction form and deadlines for submission are in this newsletter) and why not put together an exhibit (the exhibit form is included in this newsletter too).

Tom Broadhead has already done much work to publicize the show and will be contacting news media, and Ralph Dinwiddie has designed a spectacular cachet and cancel celebrating the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. We also plan to have some Lincoln postal memorabilia from the Lincoln Memorial University archives on display.

I know Knoxpex 2009, with your help, will be our best show ever. Contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Gerald F. Schroedl 865-577-9585, gschroel@utk.edu.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 3