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## It's KNOXPEX time in Tennessee!

As KPS President, **Stu Hanlein** mentions in his column, at this writing, we haven't made the big trip to Atlanta. But, by the time you receive this newsletter, that will be a thing of the past and we will be looking forward to Knoxpex 2012.

Yes, it's time to celebrate the centennial of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and it's too bad that the USPS is not issuing its stamp (shown at left) in February, the actual anniversary. **Ralph Dinwiddie** has designed a great cachet and accompanying postal cancel that features images from the 1962 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary stamp (below). We will be using those on the cachet, along with flag stamps.



**Jim Pettway** has a great bourse assembled, including two new dealers, and **Bruce Roberts** is looking for KPS members to "show their stuff" in the exhibit frames. We now have ads in *American Philatelist* and *Linn's Stamp News*. Press releases will soon be sent to area news media, and we'll remind previous Knoxpex visitors with a post card. Knoxpex Show Chair, **Charlie Wade** is keeping track of what needs to be done by whom.



The February KPS meeting will be devoted to Knoxpex updates, and sign-up sheets will be there for volunteers. Don't forget your exhibits and auction lots!!! The necessary forms are in this newsletter, and have been e-mailed to you previously by Jim Pettway.

## President's Column

As I prepare this message, we have not yet been to the APS stamp show in Atlanta. Going to big shows gives you the opportunity to see a lot of different dealers at one location. When you collect a limited area, such as my precancels, it gives you an open field to search. It also pays to have a back up interest so you can take advantage of this shopping opportunity! I have a worldwide collection that I can find material for if I don't have any success with my primary interest, and I can always look for items cancelled on my birthday!

Our **KNOXPEX** is a miniature version of the APS show with fewer dealers and exhibits, but having a collecting strategy helps me to get the most out of our show as well. Be sure that you save the dates of March 3 and 4 for **KNOXPEX 2012**. Please get your exhibit forms in to **Bruce Roberts** and put together your auction items and get the forms filled in and returned to **Jim Pettway** as soon as possible. Please remember that we want your auction lots turned in on Friday afternoon, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, if possible, or before 9:00 on Saturday morning. It is so much better to have the lots ready for display when the attendees start to arrive. We will be auctioning the 5 Scott's Stamp Albums that we have been selling stamps from, and there are still plenty of stamps left in them—mostly the cheaper ones that the dealers can't afford to handle—but they are here!

Please wear your **KPS logo** shirt to the show. Dealers will know that our members are supporting the show and visitors may ask you questions about our club. It is good public relations and may help recruit a few members. We will be asking everyone to help out at our next meetings with KNOXPEX 2012 related materials, so please lend a hand. And, we will have loads of stamps from our club lots for your review at upcoming meetings

*Tom Broadhead*

*Stu Hanlein*

## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 3, 2012

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 19 members present. The meeting was called to order by President **Stu Hanlein**. **Thomas Lane** presented the treasurer's report. The current club accounts total \$11,619.32.

The following business items were discussed. The December Christmas party was deemed a success and all enjoyed. Members seemed to concur that the Great American Buffet was a good location for such KPS ventures. The club will sponsor a bus trip to the 2012 AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta on Saturday, January 28. We currently have 10 reserved spots with a potential for 5 – 6 more. January 10 is the deadline to give the bus company a headcount. Details of departure time and meet location will be distributed by email.

**Jim Pettway** once again addressed membership in the American Topical Association and had membership applications available. He also discussed the possibilities for membership in the American First Day Cover Society. KPS has an opportunity to become a chapter of each organization if enough of our membership joins.

**Charlie Wade** gave a brief recap of the upcoming KnoxPex 2012. **Jim Pettway** spoke of the Knoxville Public library having sets of the Scott catalogues available for checkout. **Stu Hanlein** presented the idea of the club buying a set for the members. This will be discussed further in the future.

**The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 –  
KPS communications [jbpettway@comcast.net](mailto:jbpettway@comcast.net)

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](mailto:tomwb50@aol.com).

Following the business meeting, the program was a “Show & Tell” in which several members told of philatelic items they had received at Christmas or recently obtained. After adjournment the KPS stamp lots were available for review and purchase.

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary

## Bill Muenzer honored by Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia

The Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia dedicated its Fall 2011 stamp show to the memory of KPS member and dealer, Bill Muenzer. Thanks to **Steve Daunt** for sending this information to the newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs – [www.stampclubs.com/events](http://www.stampclubs.com/events).

February 7 – KPS monthly meeting – Stamp Quiz by **Joe Kirker** – preparations for Knoxpex 2012.

March 3-4 – **Knoxpex 2012** – Girl Scouts Centennial commemoration stamp show – Holiday Inn West on Cedar Bluff Road. Saturday, 10-5, Sunday, 10-4. Live Auction at 6:00. The first 100 registered visitors will receive a useful free gift!

March 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program “What I found at Knoxpex 2012!”

March 10-11 – Nashville Stamp Show 2012 – 2416 Music Valley Drive, Suite 144. Saturday, 10-6, Sunday 10-4. [www.nashvillephilatelic.org](http://www.nashvillephilatelic.org).

April 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – “Precancels” by **Stu Hanlein**.

## Stamp of the Month

This month's “stamp” is not what most of us would think of as a stamp – but it is. Our resident “Revenuer,” **Bruce Roberts** has donated examples of Revenue Stamped Checks from the 1880's.



“Check” out Bruce's article on the next page to find out some interesting U.S. history reflected in these interesting pieces of postal history.

## United States Two-Cent Revenue Stamped Paper

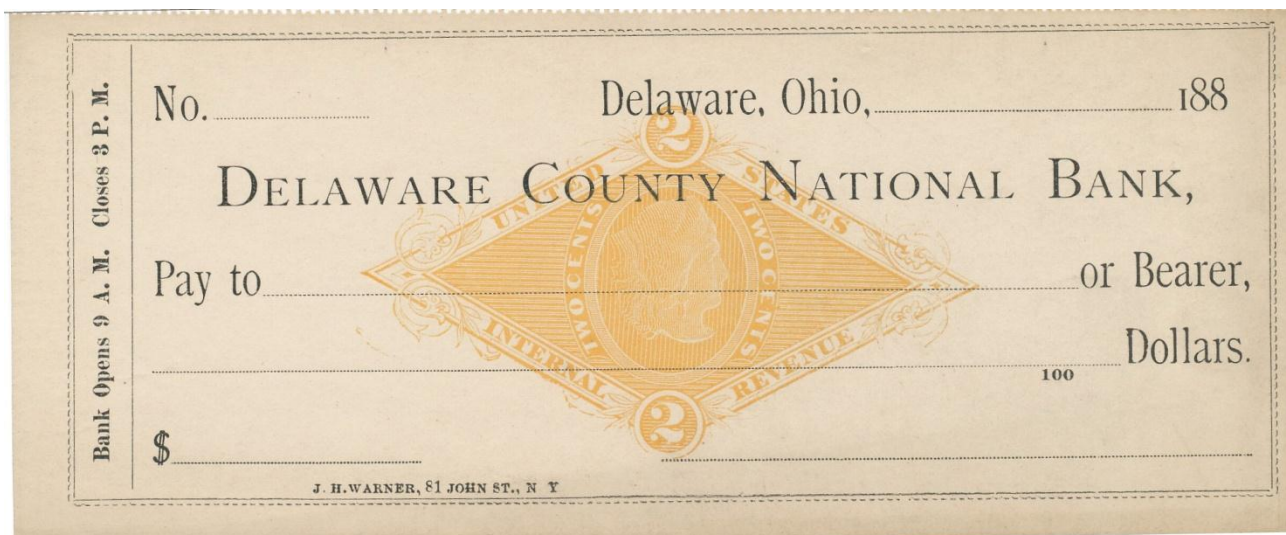
By Bruce Roberts

Revenue stamped paper was created as part of the revenue-raising effort by the Union to pay for the Civil War. A tax of 2 cents per check was levied by act of Congress in July 1862. The tax could be paid by use of adhesive revenue stamps, and the “Bank Check” revenue stamps were issued for this purpose. However, there soon was demand for checks with the tax pre-paid and printed into the check design to speed their use and eliminate the need to keep up with separate sheets of stamps. The first design was printed and distributed in 1865. The tax remained in effect until 1883, and was revived to help pay for the Spanish American War in 1898.

There are 14 different designs printed between 1865 and 1883, and one additional design printed in 1898. Each design exists in several colors and varieties, so there are over 100 different collectible items. Many are rare and expensive. However 9 of the Civil War era designs plus the 1898 issue have at least one variety that catalogs \$10 or less, so a nice collection can be formed inexpensively.

In this newsletter about two years ago, I related that I “bought the horde” in Richmond, VA at the APS national stamp show. The “horde” was thousands of bank checks from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, most serviced with either a revenue adhesive stamp, or used with Revenue stamped paper. I have recently finished going through that purchase, plus another 19<sup>th</sup> century check purchase I made in the 1990s and had never worked up. As most readers know, I collected full dates on revenues, trying to collect as many different dates as I can. From these purchases I added about 1300 new dates to my collection, including several hundred on revenue stamped paper. And ... I have lots left over!

So for the stamp of the month this month, I am supplying each club member with an example of revenue stamped paper. I am providing some of each of the Scott catalog numbers RN-D1, RN-G1, and RN-X6 or X7. You have the challenge of determining which design you have received from the Scott US Specialized Catalog. Hope this piques your interest in this area of collecting!



Unused example of Scott RN-G1

### KPS becomes ATA Chapter

Thanks to KPS member **Bev Rice**, who sponsored several KPS members to join the American Topical Association, we are now an ATA Chapter. Benefits to the club include access to the ATA handbooks in a wide variety of topical stamp collecting areas and information about KPS that will appear in the ATA journal, *Topical Time*, published bimonthly.

Learn more about the American Topical Association and the many benefits it offers members and chapters online at <http://www.americantopicalassn.org>.



# This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 7

## It's **SHOWTIME!!**

The February KPS meeting will be our last chance as a group to discuss plans for Knospex 2012. Put on your thinking cap, bring your creative thoughts, and don't forget a pen and sign up to volunteer. And have fun at the show!

**Please volunteer to help at Knospex.** At the February meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for volunteers to help at the registration table, beginner tables, and the live auction. If you can't make it to the February meeting, but want to volunteer – just check in with Show Chair, **Charlie Wade** when you get to the show.

**Please exhibit at Knospex.** Included in this newsletter is the exhibit form. Exhibits chair **Bruce Roberts** is looking forward to having many members' exhibits at the show. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Bruce at [bruceroberts@arkph.com](mailto:bruceroberts@arkph.com).

**Please get your lots ready for the Knospex live auction.** Included in this newsletter is the auction form – KPS members can offer as many as 15 lots. Auctioneers **Tom Broadhead** and **Bruce Roberts** will need volunteers to move lots from the show table to the auctioneers and then to the sale table. More volunteers will be needed to record final bids. Come to the show early on Saturday to get a copy of the auction list and examine lots that you may want to bid on that night.

**Shop the great dealers at Knospex.** Bourse Chair, **Jim Pettway** has assembled a super group of dealers, some of whom will be first-timers at our show. Here they are:

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**Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 6**