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Happy New Year!

I hope that all KPS members are making plans to enhance and expand their collections in 2012. This month, there will be some extraordinary opportunities to do just that.

Check **Bruce Roberts'** note in this newsletter about some incredible bargain prices on stamps from the Muenzer and Henderson collections and from the Regency Auction purchases. As a memorial to Bill Muenzer, who was a dealer at the last AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta, part of the proceeds from sales of his philatelic gems by Regency Auctions will be used to help fund our bus day-trip to AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta on Saturday, January 28. The show is being held in



conjunction with Southeastern Stamp Show, the annual show of the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, of which KPS is a member. Several members have already

signed up and paid the \$20 deposit. There will be dozens of dealers, 5 dollar cover dealers, and hundreds of single frame exhibits. Don't miss this opportunity.

In case you sometimes have a difficult time scheduling your other activities around the KPS meeting schedule, enclosed with this issue is the official KPS calendar for the first third of the year. Thanks go to **Jim Pettway** for coming up with the list of meeting dates and to Jim and **Ralph Dinwiddie** for suggestions about the calendar. Thanks also to Ralph for designing the KPS emblem on our web site – <http://knoxstamps.com>. If you haven't visited our site, do so soon.



Tom Broadhead

President's Column

It is hard to believe the new year will be here again so soon. As we get older, time passes so much quicker so it seems. We had a great holiday party at the Great American Steak & Buffet Restaurant, enjoyed by all. Thanks to our Treasurer **Thomas Lane** for making the arrangements and handling the payments with his usual efficiency. He was also busy collecting dues payments and reservations for the Atlanta bus trip on January 28. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to go to the APS AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo 2012. We will still accept reservations at the January 3 meeting, at \$20.00 a person on a first come basis. You can also contact Thomas directly or mail your deposit to KPS with your dues. Non collector spouses and friends who wish to join us may do so and go shopping at the shopping center in the Cobb Galleria Centre. Your board of directors has decided to use our share of the proceeds from the sale of the Bill Muenzer donation material. Bill's wish was to have the money derived from the sale of his materials be used for the enjoyment of the KPS members. I am sure Bill would be pleased with our decision.

If you plan to attend the APS show, it will save you time if you pre-register for the show online at <http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE>. We will leave Knoxville early on Saturday morning and get home late in the evening. Details on a pick up time and place for the bus will be provided later.

To all our members your club officers wish you a Happy New Year. I hope we all get some philatelic gifts that we can enjoy over the holidays. Be sure and check the many stamp collecting opportunities at club meetings mentioned in this issue and at shows this spring. Don't forget that Knoxpex 2012 will be March 3-4 – save a little money for then. Regards to all,

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – December 6, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Great American Steak & Buffet on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 for the regular monthly meeting and holiday party. President **Stu Hanlein** presided. There were 18 members and guests present.

Following the dinner, we embarked on the gift exchange, without any “trend,” such as the 9 magnifiers a few years ago. Thanks go to **Jim Pettway** for the following photos.



Many popular gifts were exchanged.

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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Originally planned as an event at the dinner, **Joe Kirker's** stamp quiz has been postponed to the February KPS meeting.

Submitted by **Charlie Wade**, Secretary

Upcoming Events

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

January 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program “Club and Show Activities” by **Tom Broadhead**. APS Circuit Sales

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.

January 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting – Board meeting at 6:00, swap and shop at 7:00.

February 7 – KPS monthly meeting – Program “Precancels” by **Stu Hanlein** – preparations for Knoxpex 2012, Joe Kirker's stamp quiz.

March 3-4 – **Knoxpex 2012** – Girl Scouts Centennial commemoration stamp show – Holiday Inn West on Cedar Bluff Road. Saturday, 10-6, Sunday, 10-4.

Stamp of the Month



One of the most beautiful stamp issues of post-war Italy was the 1950 issue showing men and women at work. This month's stamp (Scott 557) is the 20 Lira value showing a fisherman. Although the Italian Lira has now been replaced by the Euro, the present day face value, given the Euro and US dollar conversion, is about one US cent. This month's stamp is a gift from **Mike Kauffman** and **Pat Goebel**.

A Bit of Stamp Collecting History

By Charlie Wade

As a stamp collector of almost anything I'm always on the outlook for something unique or unusual. I occasionally purchase previously used albums to start a new country collection or salvage some pre-1940 classics. But a couple of years ago I stumbled across a real treasure at KNOXPEX: a copy of *Oppen's Postage Stamp Album*, which was published in 1875 in London. But I find the interest in the historical and cultural perspective it presents, not necessarily the stamps.



Edward A. Oppen was the creator of one of the first stamp catalogues in English, as well as the author of a number of foreign language textbooks. In *The Stamp-Collector's*

Magazine of October 1867 he was described as a "...classical teacher." In January 1863, Oxford University published the first edition of his *Postage Stamp Album, and Catalogue of British and Foreign Postage Stamps*, which combined, for the first time, a stamp catalogue and stamp album in one book. The publication quickly went through many editions as news of new stamps reached collectors with twenty-four editions published until 1891.

My copy is very worn and tattered, and I keep it together with a strong rubber band. Although I have not found any valuable rarities, it contains over 600 stamps, all which would be defined as classics. The album has pages for 162 stamp issuing entities and lists the land area, population, capital, head of government and currency of each. The pages themselves are laid out to hold 25 stamps in a 5 X 5 arrangement; there are no illustrations, only written descriptions. Oppen's accompanying catalogue lists the "Penny Black" as:

*Great Britain adhesive stamp: oblong, erect:
profile of Queen Victoria to the left;
letters in lower corners. Black 1d.*

The purchase price of the album in 1875 was 2s 6d which is the equivalent of \$9.60 today. In 1875 this 2s 6d was a half day's wages for a craftsman in the building trades.

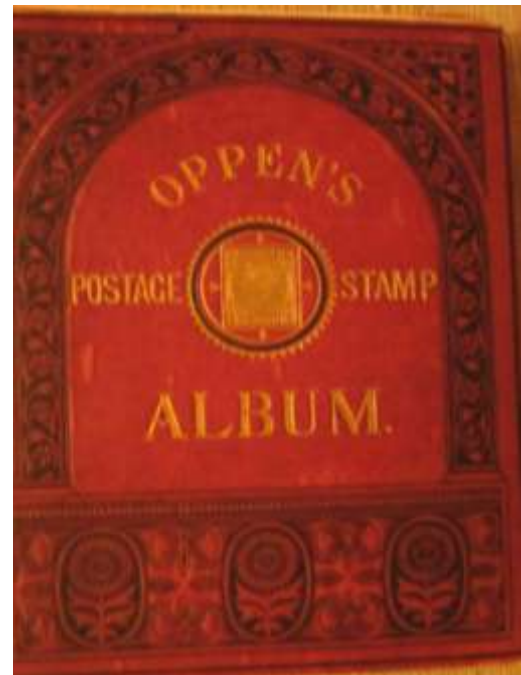
To give us a glance at history, The United States of "North" America had a population of 42 million in 37 states. General Grant was president, Alexander II was Czar, Napoleon III had recently abdicated, and the sun never set on Queen Victoria's empire. Present day Australia was a collection of six colonies: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.



And as a final note, advertisements in the back of the album listed other items published by the same William Stevens Co. including *The Family Herald: A Domestic Magazine of Useful Information and Amusement*, priced at 1d per week. Or for only one shilling there was *A Handbook for Ladies Containing Etiquette for Ladies; Etiquette of Courtship and Marriage; the Language of Flowers; the Toilet; and advice on the Improvement and Preservation of the Skin, Teeth, Eyes, Hair and Feet*. Now wouldn't that make a



lovely anniversary gift!



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, January 3

Joe Kirker's Stamp Quiz

If you didn't/couldn't find time to try the quiz, which was included in the November KPS news, dust it off now and get ready for the February KPS meeting, where answers will be revealed and winners announced. Joe has donated some spectacular prizes, including the 50c "Baby Zeppelin" shown below and the Monaco imperforate pair. Another prize is the hard-cover, boxed set of Spink Shreves auction catalogs of 2009, beautifully illustrating some of the world's great inverted center stamps.



So, now you have more than a month to pour over your Scott US specialized catalog for the answers to Joe's philatelic brain teasers! Give it a try. If you don't try, your chances of winning are zero, zilch, nil, nada.



Special Prices on Auction and Estate Remainders – January meeting, only!

By Bruce Roberts

KPS members will have a special opportunity to purchase stamps from the Bill Muenzer estate, the Neal Henderson purchase, and the Regency Auction purchases at the January meeting. E-mailed lists of available items were sent to members in early December, and there is a total of \$55,488 catalog value of foreign stamps on sale for a total of \$6090. US stamps for sale catalog \$17,254 and are available for a bargain \$2,722. There are a little more than 1000 lots. You can come to the meeting to purchase or order by e-mail from me.

To order, send me an email at bruceroberts@arkph.com. Include in your e-mail:

1. Your full name (not Bruce R)
2. The Country, catalog number, description as it appears in our lists (we often have more than one of the same catalog number in a country).
3. The price of each item
4. The discounted price calculated from the lists of discounts I sent out earlier this week (recap below)
5. Confirm you will be at the January meeting to pick up the items (no mail sales on this offer, must be present to purchase).

I will pull out the cards with the stamps you want and put them with an invoice in a bag. You pay the invoice and collect the stamps at the January meeting.

Additional discounts for the January meeting attendees only:

- Purchase any stamp, even one selling for 50 cents, and get 10% off the price
- Spend \$10 or more, discount goes to 15%. \$10 marked prices will cost you \$8.50
- Spend \$25 or more and the discount goes to 20%. \$25.00 total marked prices will cost you \$20
- Spend \$50 or more and the discount goes to 25%. \$50.00 total marked prices will cost you \$37.50
- Spend \$100 or more and the discount goes to 30%. \$100.00 total marked prices will cost you \$70.00
- Spend \$250 or more and get a 40% discount. \$250.00 marked prices will cost you \$150.00

2011 APS Sales Circuit Report

By Jim Pettway, APS Sales Circuit Coordinator

In 2011 KPS members had the opportunity to view and purchase from 7 APS Sales circuits. These circuits typically consisted of 16-18 books of stamps, souvenir sheets, booklets and covers. Circuits were available at 13 meetings, including regular monthly meetings, and Saturday and Fifth Tuesday meetings. Total purchases made by KPS members in 2011 totaled \$627.96. Your club paid \$60.80 in return postage plus a yearly \$25 insurance fee to the APS.

The next APS Sales circuit will be at our January 3 meeting, followed by another circuit at our Fifth Tuesday meeting January 31. Oh, and thanks to all whom do participate in the APS Sales circuits. In order to keep the circuits coming to us we must purchase a certain dollar in stamps and you are making this possible.



Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, February 7