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Southeast Federation

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 5, 2009

There were 22 members and visitors present. Tom Broadhead presented a program concerning the requirements for the Boy Scout's Merit Badge. He gave us hand-outs showing what is needed in each requirement, and how we could work with the scouts in conjunction with Knoxpex 2010. Thomas Lane, Dave Warfel, and Bruce Roberts have scout experience and will help work with the local council. Discussion focused on what needs to be done to make the merit badge program available at Knoxpex 2010, or other ways we could facilitate this activity.

Following the program, the meeting was called to order by Jim Pettway. The Secretary gave a synopsis of the minutes of the May meeting, which were approved, and will be seen in the June Newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was given, showing a new balance of \$7365.87 in all accounts. A list was passed to have people sign up for programs for the rest of 2009, and into 2010. Everyone is encouraged to present a program or participate in some way. Tom Broadhead would welcome any articles for the Newsletter. Please contact him at tomwb50@aol.com.

In old business, Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane will attend the Regency stamp auction in St. Louis this coming Saturday, hopefully purchasing for the club an auction lot or lots that can be broken down and sold to the membership at a good value, so all may have access to many stamps! These will be available at later meetings.

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	Ralph Dinwiddie
Past President	Roy Row
Vice President	Stu Hanlein
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Jo Mynatt
Directors	Richard Ehrlich, Jim Pettway, Bruce Roberts, Tom Broadhead
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.

In new business: Forrest Conklin mentioned that he had not seen a copy of the by-laws of the KPS. He was given a copy, and everyone was reminded that if copies are available on request. There were kudos to Ralph Dinwiddie on the inclusion of the inaugural covers with the newsletter. Thanks for the great souvenir, Ralph! Ralph mentioned that the problem with the printer, the print-head, has been replaced at a cost of \$71.

Joe Kirker, a recent member, brought a nice assortment of free auction catalogs and some stamps to purchase. He topped off the evening by handing out a really neat (and difficult) stamp quiz. Members will be working on it, and it will be discussed at a later meeting.

We were reminded that there is a 5th Tuesday meeting on June 30, with a KPS board meeting and a swap and shop with APS circuit books.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mynatt, Recording Secretary

Show News

Tom Broadhead attended the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in Denver and the annual meeting of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society in May. Tom's transatlantic and pneumatic postcard French exhibits received vermeil awards, and his visiting card exhibit won a gold.

Upcoming Events

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

July 7 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Tom Broadhead about French colonies.

August 4 – KPS monthly meeting. Program will be by Joe Kirker with answers to his stamp quiz.

August – 15-16 – Bill Muenzer's summer stamp show at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Rd.

Stamp of the Month



This month's stamp (Scott 501) issued July 4, 1946 commemorates the independence of the Republic of the Philippines on that day, following 50 years of U.S. administration, Japanese occupation, and commonwealth status.

These stamps were donated by Thomas Lane.

A “Relative” Source of Stamps

By Charlie Wade

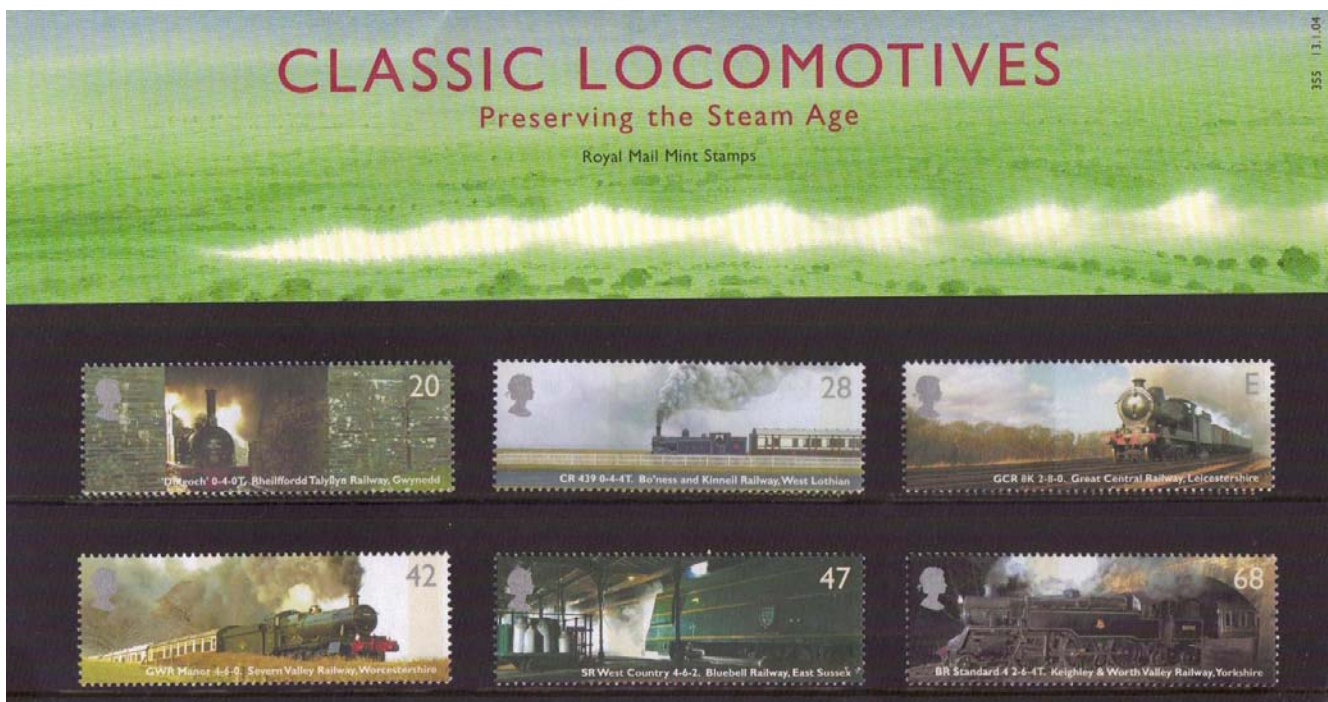
As a collector for over 50 years I have amassed quite a combination of stamps, albums and literature. Although I never met a stamp I didn't like, my major interest lie in US postage, Canadian and pre-1940 classics from Europe, Latin American, and the British Commonwealth. And one of my prize collections is stamps of Great Britain.

My British collection includes many classics including the Penny Black and Scott #2 from 1840. In addition I have many definitive issues of the reigns of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V, King Edward VIII, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. But another prized collection is the commemoratives. These go back several decades, but I'm fortunate to have almost a complete collection of mint commemoratives from 1975 through 2005. I must say these are some of the most beautiful, historical and relevant issues in the world.

How was I able to gather such a collection? The source has been my mother-in-law, Lynn Hilliard (with me below right). Mum is a resident of Northampton in the English Midlands and is a decorated veteran of World War II. She learned of my collecting interest in the mid-seventies and has been my source ever since. I was never in doubt what my birthday and Christmas would bring when the parcel arrived from overseas.

The British issue most commemoratives as a set of four or five differing values reflecting the same theme. For collectors they provide “Presentation Packs” of the new stamps (example below). Each pack, including the example below, contains the stamps and a full color folder enclosed in plastic describing the background and significance of the stamps and related philatelic information, such as designer, type of production and date of issue. I mount the stamps in my Gibbon Windsor II album and save the folders in dedicated boxes. I have lost count of the number of such packs but it runs in the hundreds.

For years Mum would watch the newspaper for new issues and walk to the village post office and buy each set. The postmaster knew to set aside one pack of new issues for Mrs. Hilliard. Over the past few years her health does not allow her to get out as much. But when she is out, she asks to go by the post office and see what's new. And every couple of months I receive a letter in which she has enclosed the stamps she has received on her mail torn out of the covers. Mum also visits the local stamp shop and gets my album supplements plus the annual edition of Gibbon's “Collect British Stamps.” (continued on p. 4)



This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 7

(continued from p. 3) All three times Mum has visited “The States” (or rebellious colonies) she loves to look at my collections but beams with special pride over my British collection. I also prize my collection for its beauty, completeness and value, but the major source of joy is knowing that it came together as an act of love. I dedicate this article to Mum as she nears her 87th birthday.

What's in the Boxes??

Following the vote of KPS members in May, Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane drove to St. Louis, Missouri over the first weekend in June to buy stamp lots at the Regency Stamp Auction. They didn't come home empty handed, and the photo below of the purchases they made for the club should raise the level of philatelic excitement. The first showing and purchase availability for some of the lots will be at the June 30 5th Tuesday meeting. As Bruce sorts through and organizes this philatelic hoard, more of it will be brought to later KPS meetings for members to view and purchase.



Rotary International & Stamps

by Paul Wennermark

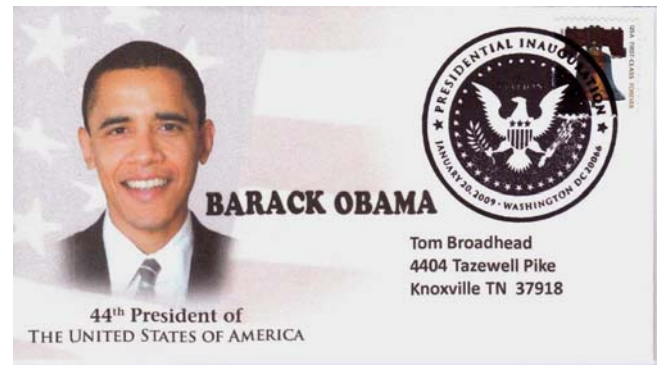
I thought you might be interested in the article about postage stamps commemorating milestones in Rotary International, linked to the tab “Rotary Stamps” on the Rotary home page – www.rotary.org. From this you can link to www.rotaryonstamps.org, the home web page for the “Rotary On Stamps Fellowship” which is a division of the American Topical Association. I'd write up an article on this but I'm too busy this month. For a part of May and June, I will

be spending a week in Guadalajara, Mexico, working on a Rotary humanitarian grant project. I'll miss the June 2nd meeting but plan to be there on June 30th.



KPS special Inaugural Cachet

KPS News publisher and Knoxpex cachet designer, Ralph Dinwiddie created a bonus for KPS members that arrived with the April newsletter. As an appropriate follow-up to his article last fall on presidential inaugural first day covers, Ralph created a cachet featuring President Barack Obama and sent copies to receive official inaugural cancels. Each KPS member received a personally addressed serviced cachet along with the monthly KPS newsletter.



Get Well Phil

Phil Ford is at home recovering from time in the hospital after being diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy (heart muscles are too weak to pump out the blood). After treatment and a future of daily medication Phil said that he has a lot more energy than before. His last doctor appointment went well and he is doing fine.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 4