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## Risks of Forever Stamps

In a June 14 column in *Linn's Stamp News*, Bill McAllister discussed early plans by the USPS to produce a greater variety of "forever" stamps. The first of these nondenominated US stamps showing the Liberty Bell appeared in 2007, and many varieties have helped to maintain collector enthusiasm. It has been in use now for 3 different rates and covers the cost of a 1 ounce first class domestic letter.



Canada has also issued stamps for long-term domestic use, and all are noted by the lack of a denomination and the presence of a red maple leaf containing a white "P" indicating "permanent." The Canada Post web site – [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca) – shows three definitive designs available, including an orchid issue in coil format.



McAllister's column mentions that Postal Regulatory Commission Chair, Ruth Goldway has suggested that all US commemoratives be issued as forever stamps. As a postal history collector, I'm still trying to figure if I think this is a good idea or one potentially harmful to our hobby. Clearly, a readable cancel would be necessary to determine the postal value of a forever or permanent stamp. What do KPS members think?

**Tom Broadhead**

## President's Column

The month of June was a great one for KPS, with three meetings in one month. I hope we were able to have more club members attend meetings this month than ever before. That is a tribute to the desire of members to meet as many of our membership as possible. We all benefit from learning more about our hobby from other collectors and sharing knowledge of our areas of interest.

One item that came up at our last meeting was the problem obtaining new US stamps from local post offices. The USPS has consolidated its distribution centers and reduced the number from 80 to just 6. Local post offices haven't figured out how to get new stamps because they don't know where to make the requests. According to a recent article in *Linn's Stamp News*, Atlanta, GA is now the distribution center for stamp orders for our area. One solution for individual collectors is to order directly from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) or call 1-800-782-6724. There is a \$1.00 shipping & handling fee for standard orders. If there is significant interest among KPS members, the club could set up a monthly group order for new issues and items unavailable locally. We can discuss this at our next meeting.

Now July is here. I look forward to it because my birthday is the 7<sup>th</sup>. Although my major area of stamp collecting is precancels, sometimes I run out of items to look for at stamp shows. I have recently added a new facet to my collecting – philatelic items canceled on my birthday. I have had a lot of success with postcards, including one canceled on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1938 from Washington, DC, where I was born! When my birthday rolls around I make up a postcard from wherever I happen to be and have it canceled locally. If you have any covers or cards that you no longer want, canceled on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 1938 to present – let me know!

**Stu Hanlein**

## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – June 1, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 18 present. New member Lisa Lyford of Williamsburg, KY attended her first meeting, and Lamar Stout was a visiting guest from Jackson, Mississippi. Prior to the meeting members were able to purchase or bid on the latest auction lots. President Stu Hanlein called the meeting to order at 7:30.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Thomas Lane presented the treasurers report. For the past month the club had income of \$194 and expenses of \$106. The current club accounts total \$7,846.88.

In old business, the club decided to not buy any new auction lots at this time. Tom Broadhead is still investigating possibilities of club shirts. There was continuing discussion of a location for the Christmas party. The board approved a club donation of \$125 to the APS. The club donates a copy of the monthly *American Philatelist* to the Knoxville Public Library. Members were reminded of the Saturday meeting on June 26 in Maryville at the First Christian Church. The board meeting and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meeting will be June 29.

On a special note, APS representative Jim Pettway presented a letter from the APS informing us the 2009 KPS Newsletter was awarded **GOLD AGAIN!** Much appreciation to Tom Broadhead and Ralph Dinwiddie

**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
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Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Charlie Wade
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for their efforts and other members who have contributed to its publication. Ralph is collecting all back issues of the newsletter and will be putting them on a CD. He is missing some issue which we hope members can locate.

In new business, the difficulty in obtaining new US issue stamps at the local post offices was discussed. We may do a “direct order” of these stamps for club members. Stu showed the club printed album pages which are available from [www.precancels.com/albums.htm](http://www.precancels.com/albums.htm).

Our guest, Lamar Stout, gave the program on his Rhodesian collection. Lamar started collecting in 1946 as he was pursuing his Boy Scout merit badge. He mainly collected US until the mid-70’s then concentrated on the British Commonwealth. He started his Rhodesian collection in 1984 and now specializes in the “Double Head” issues. In the presentation he gave us the background on the nation’s history and its postal system. As a side note, Lamar told us after years of tolerating his stamp collecting hobby; his wife has now become an avid collector of penguins on stamps. Thanks to Lamar for a great presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. At the conclusion members had one last opportunity to bid or purchase auction lots.

Respectfully Submitted, Charlie Wade, Secretary

### Upcoming Events

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

July 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Program to be announced. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

August 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program to be announced. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

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### Stamp of the Month

This month’s stamp, thanks to Mike Kauffman, is a 75 centime commemorative stamp from France (Scott 305), issued in 1935 to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Jacques Callot. Callot was an engraver and printmaker in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century who produced many serious and humorous prints in France and Italy.



## British Stamps Honor World War II Heroes

By Charlie Wade

Between the defeat of France in 1940 and the German invasion of Russia in 1941, Britain and the Commonwealth stood very much alone against the Axis powers. Yet while this was arguably the darkest period in the island's history, it was also the finest hour as millions of Britons came together to "do their bit" for the war effort. On May 13, 2010, the Royal Mail (British Post Office) issued a new series of stamps and a souvenir sheet dedicated to the efforts of these citizens during World War II. The issue is titled "Britain Alone" and celebrates homeland heroes of the war and the evacuation of Dunkirk. The designs reproduce archived black-and-white photographs from the war. The four stamps (below right) in the souvenir sheet picture scenes of the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk. The eight individual stamps (below left) pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of private citizens who contributed to the war efforts on the home front.

In late May 1940 Allied soldiers were trapped on the beaches around Dunkirk, France with the sea on one side and advancing German troops on the other. A flotilla of over 700 small craft including fishing boats and motor boats joined Royal Navy destroyers in the evacuation of more than 338,000 soldiers. Without this dramatic evacuation, the British army, and probably the entire European continent, would fall to the German army. My father-in-law recounted how he stood chest-deep in the ocean waters for over 30 hours awaiting rescue and evacuation. The first class stamp in the upper left corner of the souvenir sheet shows soldiers lined up in the water awaiting pick-up while the 88p stamp pictures rescued soldiers on board a destroyer.



The set of eight individual stamps commemorates those patriots at home supporting the war effort. The Home Guard, made up of local volunteers including many World War I veterans, was ready to fight in the event of an enemy invasion. A 60p stamp honoring the Home Guard depicts volunteers in Doncaster drilling with broomsticks before uniforms and rifles were available. Changing roles of women on the home front are noted with photos of women in factories and working on farms. The role of air raid wardens on the home front is also depicted. My



mother-in-law served on a radar observation post and was decorated for her war time service by General Lord Montgomery.

A prestige booklet, containing two sheets with four of each of the stamps,

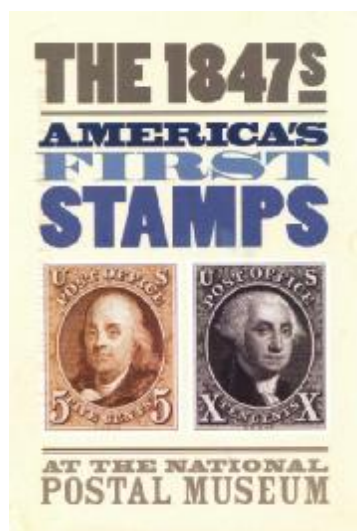
plus a pane with a block of machine definitives, includes text about the early years of the war and stories behind the photographs featured on the stamps. These issues can be purchased from Royal Mail ([www.royalmail.com](http://www.royalmail.com)) or at online auction sites, including E-Bay and Delcampe. They are a true tribute to Britain's Greatest Generation.

# This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 6

## KPS Family Connections

By Tom Broadhead

A few years ago, KPS member Stuart McNiell brought a brochure from the National Postal Museum to our monthly meeting. The NPM always has beautifully designed exhibits, but this one was a little different. The exhibit that featured the 1847 first issues of the United States had been designed by a firm in northern Virginia called *Studio A*. The principals in this firm ([www.thestudioa.com](http://www.thestudioa.com)) are Stuart's daughter, Helen McNiell, and her husband Antonio Alcalá.



But wait – there's more! In recognition of Alcalá's artistry and expertise in exhibit designs, including several other NPM exhibits, he has been appointed to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, the important group that assesses and makes recommendations to the USPS concerning the topics and themes of new stamp issues.

If you have been to the NPM in the last few years, you have probably seen an exhibit created by Alcalá and *Studio A*. Just a few examples, in addition to the one above are the *V-Mail*, *Stamps Take Flight*, and *Delivering Hope: FDR and Stamps of the Great Depression*.



At right above – Antonio Alcalá, philatelic exhibit designer, Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee member, and Stuart McNiell's son-in-law.

## At the KPS Meeting . . .



APS representative, Jim Pettway, KPS president, Stu Hanlein, and guest, Lamar Stout (left to right), relax at the end of the June 1 meeting. Lamar presented the evening program, showing spectacular printer's archive examples of stamps of Rhodesia.

## KPS Auction Lots Update

By Bruce Roberts

After three months, we have sold \$448.80 from the Regency Auction lots – 37% of our original purchase. Seventy-one of the 207 lots have sold, 22 more will “close” in the silent auction on June 29, and 22 more will “close” in the silent auction on August 3. Twenty-three lots have closed, without selling at earlier meetings. All “closed” lots are available for instant purchase at the minimum bid – only the ones not yet closed require an instant purchase at twice the minimum.

Are we offering important material? The Confederate States #8, shown here, was recommended in the June 14 *Linn's* as a buying tip. The column recommended \$40 as a bargain price for this stamp. One lucky KPS member bought this stamp from our Regency auction lots for only \$30! So don't hold back – come to all upcoming KPS meetings to get great stamps at bargain prices.



**Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, August 3**