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Thanks!

KPS members always step up to help our club fulfill its mission of providing information, programs, and collecting opportunities about stamps. We rely on you to share your interests by presenting programs at monthly meetings and writing articles and notes for the newsletter. Don't sell your interests in stamps short! Don't think that others will not be interested in collecting areas that are special to you!

This month's article, by Paul Hager presents a great opportunity for us to learn a little about a far away country and its early stamp issues. This is just the "tip of the iceberg" in Paul's interest in this country and stamp issue – his comprehensive exhibit at Knoxpex 2010 was voted "most popular." In an upcoming newsletter, Charlie Wade will share a little more with us about his travels, photos, and related stamps.

In April, it looked like we were running out of stamps for the newsletter feature "stamp of the month." Then,



at the May meeting, Stu Hanlein, Mike Kaufmann, and Brian Mason stepped up with more than a

year's worth of great stamps – 80+ copies of each to meet the needs of our growing membership.

Later this month, we will have our second Saturday meeting, courtesy of Roy Row at the church where he is pastor. There will be another future meeting at UT's McClung Museum, hosted by curator and KPS member Elaine Evans.

Thanks to every KPS member, who helps or has helped the club in the past. No wonder we keep growing.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

I want to thank the members of the KPS for voting me into this office along with the new slate of officers. Vice President Tom Ringenbach will be glad to hear from any volunteers who would like to present a program at one of our meetings. Hopefully, we can continue the example set by our previous leadership. Ralph Dinwiddie initiated several ideas which we continue this year. In particular, I refer to the club meetings at alternative sites and dates and the purchasing of items at major auctions for resale to club members. Both of these ventures have been successful and profitable to the club and general membership as well! I hope we can get the KPS shirts we have been discussing and wear them for our Knoxpex show and other stamp shows in the area so people know that we have an active stamp club!

I would like to take a few lines to tell you about myself. I was born in Washington, DC and lived in MD for about 60 years before "retiring" to Knoxville in 2000. I am an aerospace engineer by profession, a federal government retiree, worked for a "Beltway Bandit" in VA, and have been an independent consulting engineer since retiring. I got into stamp collecting as a Boy Scout to earn the stamp collecting merit badge and got serious after graduation from college in 1960. After acquiring all the US stamps I could afford, I became a worldwide collector because I enjoy the hobby and don't think you should be constrained by lack of funds! I prefer canceled stamps and was lured into precanceled stamps by a presentation at a club meeting many years ago in MD. Once I got hooked, it has become my most active area of interest. I have made several presentations to the KPS and we have formed the TN Precancel Club with 42 members at last count. This newsletter features a pre-canceled stamp, as the stamp of the month, so you can see what one looks like. I have developed other interests which I will share in the months ahead.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 4, 2010

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 24 members and guests present. New member Bruce Hamm attended his first meeting and Ron Griffith was a guest. Prior to the meeting members were able to purchase or bid on the latest auction lots.

President Ralph Dinwiddie called the meeting to order at 7:30. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Voting for the new club officers was held, and the following slate was approved unanimously:

President	Stu Hanlein
Vice President	Tom Ringenbach
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Past President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Board Members:	Jim Pettway
	Tom Broadhead
	Gary Rehberg
	Bruce Roberts

At this point new President Stu Hanlein presided over the remainder of the meeting. The monthly program was given by Charlie Wade. In his presentation titled “Seeing the World Through Stamps” he showed photos from his global travels and many stamps that featured the same scenes as his photographs.

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:

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Past President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Vice President	Tom Ringenbach
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Jim Pettway, Gary Rehberg
	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.

Thomas Lane presented the treasurers report. For the past month the club had income of \$342 and expenses of \$111. Last month the club received \$235.75 from the KPS auction lots and \$66.42 from sales of the APS Circuit sales. The total club balance is \$7,769.19. Members were reminded of a Saturday meeting on June 26 in Maryville at the First Christian Church. Members will gather around noon and the program will start at 1:00 PM. In old business Tom Broadhead discussed the status of KPS club shirts and a general discussion on location of the Christmas party took place.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:20. At the conclusion of the business meeting, 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.

June 1 – KPS monthly meeting – Program to be announced. Silent auction and instant purchase of stamps from the Regency Auction.

June 5-6 – Huntspex 2010, Huntsville Stamp Club, Tom Bevell Conference Center University of Alabama, 550 Sparkman Dr., Huntsville. Contact Heinrich Hahn, hhahn@bellsouth.net; www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html.

June 26 – KPS Saturday meeting – 1:00 pm at First Christian Church, 400 S. Court St., Maryville, TN 37803. Program TBA, Regency Auction Lots and APS Circuit Books will be there for bids and purchases.

June 29 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, followed at 7:00 by swap, shop, buy and bid from the Regency auction lots – and another opportunity to purchase from the APS Circuit Sales Books.

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

Stamp of the Month

This month’s stamp, courtesy of Stu Hanlein, is a precanceled stamp from the US “Fourth Bureau” definitive series first issued in 1922. The example illustrated here is the 12 cent Grover Cleveland stamp with a Cleveland OH precancel. Your stamp will be a different stamp from this series with a different precancel! Keep an eye out for future columns and articles by Stu about precanceled stamps.



KPS Saturday Meeting

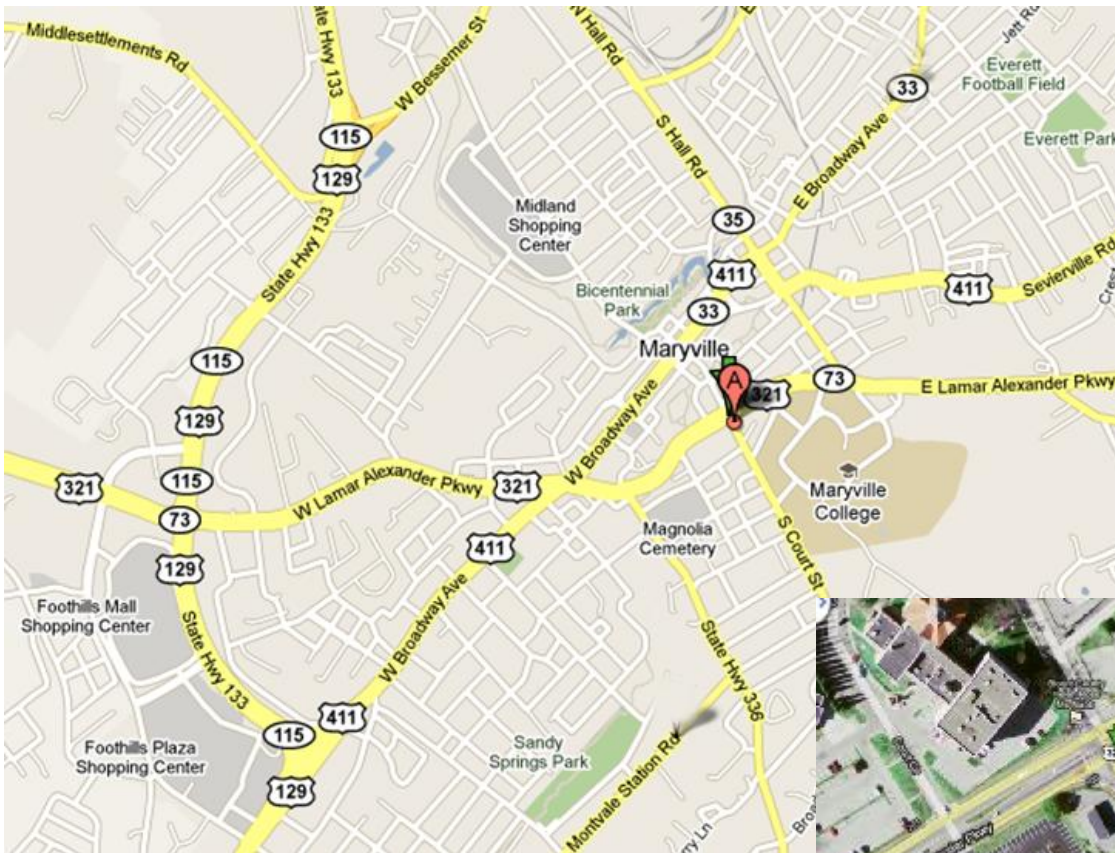
June 26, 2010

All KPS members are invited to our second Saturday KPS meeting. This one will be held in Maryville, TN. Refreshments will be served starting around noon and the meeting will start around 1:00. We will have a program, silent auction lots, APS sales books, and plenty of philatelic fellowship.

Here are the directions to the Saturday meeting as provided by our host, Roy Row...

The church is easy to find. It is First Christian Church, 400 South Court Street, Maryville, TN 37803.

The church is located on the corner of East Lamar Alexander (Rt 321) and Court St, right across the intersection from the county court house. The intersection has a traffic light. A large parking lot and sign can be clearly seen. Park in the lot, and come in the red rear doors.



The Knoxville Philatelic Society is now on FaceBook

By Ralph Dinwiddie

FaceBook is a social networking website, which is free and easy to join. It's a great way to keep up with friends and family. To sign up just visit www.facebook.com and follow the simple directions. Once you are a member of FaceBook you can join the Knoxville Philatelic Society Group. On our group page you can find photos, discussion boards, a calendar of events and general information. And, this is not a one way street. You can also post your photos of KPS events, start a new



discussion, or ask the group questions. Currently on our group page you will find information about our up coming Saturday meeting, a discussion about our 30th anniversary celebration, and a preliminary design for an embroidered KPS shirt. I think this resource can be a powerful tool for the members to exchange ideas and information. The more KPS members who join and make use of this site, the more useful and powerful it will become. I almost forgot, there is even pictures from KnoxPex and our 25th anniversary celebration. So, sign up today and join the fun.



KnoxPex 2010 Cachet



KPS 25th Anniversary Cake



KnoxPex 2010 Auction

THE PASHUPATI ERA OF NEPAL

By Paul Hager



Eight pice red of the 1907 series

The Pashupati Era covered over 40 years, from 1907 to about 1950, when the printing of the Pashupati design stamps ceased and modern stamps were introduced. The Pashupati name is derived from the design on the stamps and postal stationery of the period. The central focus of these indicia is Sri Pashupati, a manifestation of Shiva Mahadeva, the patron God of Nepal. Because of this, the stamps are sometimes called the “Shiva” series. The image on the stamps is taken from a representation of the Pashupati on the *lingam* in the Sri Pashupatinath Temple near Kathmandu. The Pashupati name is also applied to the series of cancellations that paralleled the use of the postal issues.

Four different issues of stamps were released – 1907, 1930, 1935, and 1941-46. These are distinguished primarily by the Sambat Era dates of issue in the lower corners or by the printing methods. The Perkins Bacon printing firm of London, which also printed the first three issues by the intaglio process, designed the stamp. The fourth issue (1941-46), the local or war time print, was typographically printed by the Gorkha Patra Press in Kathmandu.

In 1959, the Pashupati design was used on the high value of the new 1949 pictorial set, which was lithographed by the Indian Security Press.

With the exception of the 1935 2 pice blue card, which is based on the stamp design, postal stationery items have the Pashupati figure enclosed in an oval. The Gorkha Patra Press printed all Pashupati postal stationery.

For all issues, the value is written in Devanagari characters. On the stamps the value is in the right inner panel. On the postal stationery items, the value is around the oval. In no instance is the denomination given in numerals, which makes it difficult to determine the value without a guide to the corresponding colors.

From 1907 to 1911, classic type cancellations were used on this series. In 1911, the Pashupati cancellations were introduced (Nepal Postal Exchange cancel shown at right). These are of several types. Dates are given in Devanagari numerals and use the Sambat Era dates which are about 57 years ahead of the Gregorian calendar.



The stamps were also used to indicate payment of telegraph and telephone charges and as fiscal stamps. Since post offices also served as telephone and telegraph offices, early on postal cancellations were used. A little later special cancels were introduced for this purpose, the most common of which are crescent shaped (telegraph cancel from the Kathmandu Head Office at left). Fiscal cancels varied with the department using the stamps. Some of the series were used as fiscals well into the 1960's.

Used issues of this series are fairly inexpensive and common, although they are not readily available from most dealers who come to smaller shows. But the fun is in the search.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 1

Come to the June 26 Saturday KPS Special Meeting!

This month, KPS will hold its second Saturday special meeting at the First Christian Church in Maryville. Thanks go to church pastor and KPS member, Roy Row, for giving us this great opportunity to meet during the day at a place that is a little closer to some of our out of town members. Ralph Dinwiddie is preparing a program, Bruce Roberts will have auction lots to bid and purchase, and Jim Pettway will have a new group of APS Circuit Sales books for first viewing and purchases.

Plan to arrive around noon, and the meeting will begin at 1:00. Directions to the church from the Knoxville airport: continue south on Alcoa Highway (US 129, TN 115) for 5.4 miles to the intersection with W. Lamar Alexander Parkway (US 321). Turn left onto W. Lamar Alexander Parkway and continue for 1.6 miles to Court Street. Turn right onto S. Court Street – the church is immediately on your left.

And, if you can't attend the Saturday meeting, don't forget the 5th Tuesday meeting on June 29. The Board Meeting at 6:00 will be followed at 7:00 with the meet and swap, shop the APS Circuit Sales, and bid and buy from the KPS auction lots.

Another Gold for the KPS News

By Jim Pettway, APS Representative



And again the KPS News took the Gold in multi-page class in the American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee Newsletter Competition in 2009. Congratulations to the KPS News Editor, Tom Broadhead and KPS

News Publisher, Ralph Dinwiddie. Thanks also go to those who contributed articles to the KPS News, helping to make our newsletter the best. Out of a possible 100 points the KPS News scored an 87, one of the highest scores in the competition. Judges in the competition offered suggestions and comments for improvements to a near perfect newsletter. "Addition of stamp and cover each month is a very nice touch.", was one comment of favor followed by "Fine work, . . ."

Thank you, Tom and Ralph, for your time and the hard work you put forth each month to provide us with such a nice informative newsletter.

Pet Rescue Stamps + a Cancel

By Tom Broadhead

On April 30, the USPS issued a set of stamps to promote pet adoption. The 20 stamps, featuring 10 images (5 cats, 5 dogs) are denominated



at the 44 cent letter domestic letter rate. As part of the stamp and adoption promotion, Halo Pet Foods is offering to provide food for up to 1 million animals in shelters across the country based on sales of the stamps. As of the middle of May, they had reached the 300 thousand mark.

The small format stamps haven't appeared on much mail that I have seen – actually only two pieces. What I have seen much more of, however, is the pictorial sprayed on cancel, featuring the faces of a cat and a dog, together with large print "Animal Rescue" and smaller print at the bottom, "stampstotherescue.com." That is the web address for the pet rescue/Halo campaign. Finding a good example of this cancel is a challenge, and the one shown here is the best I have. Ironically, it does not look good on the pet stamps.



KPS Auction Lots Update

By Bruce Roberts

In just two months, we have sold \$418.35 from the Regency Auction lots – 34% of our original purchase. Sixty-three of the 207 lots have sold, and 8 more are now available to purchase at the minimum! Don't miss out on some great stamps – check your lists in the last two KPS newsletters. Bids and purchases will be received at the June 26 and June 30 KPS meeting.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, July 6