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A Great Day at Holpex

On Saturday morning, May 7, Stu Hanlein and I took a little trip up the interstate to Kingsport to attend Holpex, 2011 – the annual show of the Holston Stamp Club. The weather was beautiful, and Stu's GPS unit did a good job getting us there – announcing that we had arrived at our destination just seconds before our final turn.

We got there at 9:45, and although the show officially opened at 10, there were members there to greet us, and the dealers were ready. Of the four dealers, two have been at Knoxpex before. Not only did I have success buying covers from one, but I had a great time buying stamps from the other two, one from Chattanooga and the other a local club member – Paul Kuehn.

Stu settled in at Paul's table to search for precancels and stamps of Belgium from dozens of stock books featuring all stamps priced at 10¢. I soon joined him there and spent hours finding great stamps that I didn't realize I needed. We left when the show closed at 5:00.



Thanks go to HSC member Mike Chesman for the photo of (left to right) Paul Kuehn, me, George White and Stu in the exhibit area.

Many thanks for a great show to our fellow philatelists in the Tri-Cities area. We hope to see them at Knoxpex 2012 and Holpex 2012.

Tom Broadhead

President's Column

First, I would like to thank all of the officers who served KPS last year. We had a great team, and my hope is that we can continue in the same forward direction with our officers who were elected at our last meeting. Note that officers and board member meetings are at 6:00 pm on our 5th Tuesday meetings. Any member who wishes to sit in is always welcome. If you wish to make a request or bring something to the attention to the group, please join us on these 5th Tuesday sessions.

Last month, Tom Broadhead and I attended Holston Stamp Club show. We were bedecked in our KPS logo shirts and were well received by Holston club members wearing their own club logo shirts. It really lets you see how many club members participate in an event like this when we do this, so again I will suggest everyone get a shirt in to Treasurer Thomas Lane to have the KPS logo embroidered on it--lighter colors show the logo better!

The show was well attended and had several exhibits, hourly door prizes, and give-aways for kids and new collectors. Also, Tom learned that Kansas & Nebraska overprinted US stamps were also precanceled locally from one of the exhibits at the show. Members of our club who attend other stamp shows should wear their KPS logo shirts, and let other groups know that we appreciate their attendance at our shows. It's a great way to enjoy the company of people who have a similar hobby interest. So let's plan on carpooling to the next show within driving distance!

Thanks again for reelecting our team of officers and the new board members. We all look forward to a great year with the continued emphasis on providing stamps for our members. VP Tom Ringenbach will be happy to hear from volunteers who would like to make a presentation at one of our forthcoming meetings to increase our knowledge of this wonderful hobby!

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – May 3, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 25 members present. President Stu Hanlein presided. The minutes of the April meeting were approved once board approval for expenditure for Knoxpex display frames storage was noted. Thomas Lane submitted the treasurer's report which was approved. The current club accounts total \$6,775.55. KPS profit from Knoxpex 2011 was \$890.07. To date \$605.54 of the "Henderson Collection" have been sold to members.

Stu Hanlein presented a brief review of the April 16 Saturday meeting. It was deemed a success with 16 members attending. Themes for KNOXPEX 2012 were discussed. A decision should be made by soon to facilitate other planning. It was announced with sadness that member Lillard Harvey passed away. KPS sent a condolence card. A donation of \$25 will be made to the APS in honor of Lillard.

The following slate of officers for the next KPS year was approved by acclamation: President – Stu Hanlein, Vice President – Tom Ringenbach, Treasurer – Thomas Lane, Secretary – Charlie Wade, Directors – Roy Row, Charlie Stinnett & Dave Warfel.

Tom Ringenbach asked for volunteers to present programs for the next year. There were mentions of several free on-line stamp albums. Tom Broadhead asked anyone discovering a stamp related web-site to forward to him. He will compile a master list. Bruce Roberts gave an update on the processing of the

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	Roy Row, Charlie Stinnett, Dave Warfel
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.

Henderson Collection. Bruce will present the program for the Chattanooga stamp club in July. At this time, with approval of KPS, he will take the Net Price stamps from this collection to sell. The Holpex 2011 stamp show will be held in Kingsport this Saturday, May 7. KPS is entitled to one vote for APS officers. Because of limited knowledge of all candidates the club chose to vote for only those candidates in uncontested races. All APS members can vote individually.

Following the business meeting Tom Broadhead presented the month's program. He told of his recent trip to Southern Asia and time spent in Bangladesh. He related this nation's social, economic, and political history using stamps as the background.

There will be a 5th Tuesday KPS meeting on May 31 and the next regular business meeting will be June 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

In the News

Check out Tom Broadhead's new stamp videos on www.youtube.com. Do a search for tomwb50 and see his latest additions dealing with "The Aquarium" and with "Indigenous Peoples of the World."

Upcoming Events

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

June 7 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: Tom Broadhead will talk about Nepal and Sri Lanka.

July 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program: APS show.

July 16 – KPS Special Saturday Meeting – TBA.

August 2 – KPS monthly meeting – Program TBA

August 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, followed by swap and shop with APS Circuit Sales books and lots from the Neal Henderson collection.

Stamp of the Month

June's stamp is the 4 forint value of the 1943 Christmas issue of Hungary. It was produced during World War II and preceded by just 3 years the most horrific hyperinflationary period in world history. In selecting this from the many donated by Mike Kauffman, I didn't realize that it was a Christmas stamp until I scanned it! So, in this hot weather, think cool thoughts.

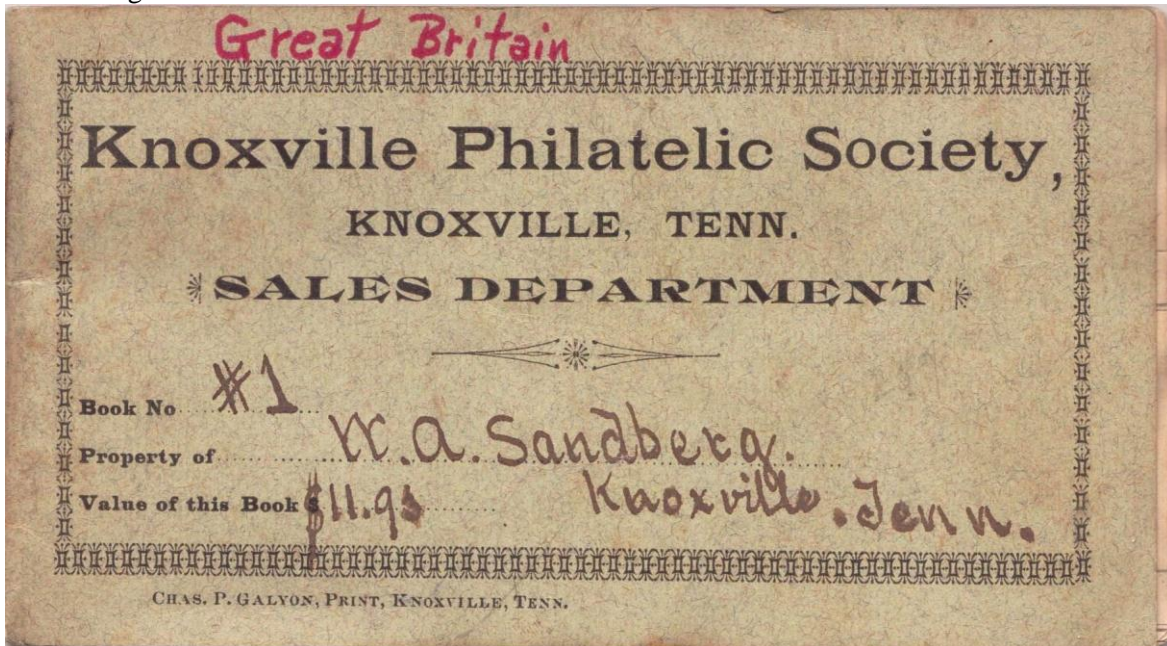


A Knoxville Philatelic Society Treasure

By Tom Broadhead

The purchase of the personal collection of former KPS president, Neal Henderson, has been a great opportunity for club members to acquire some great stamps. Bruce Roberts continues to process the collection, and each KPS meeting brings new and wonderful stamps to purchase. At the first meeting after the purchase of the collection, I was handed this wonderful piece of Knoxville Philatelic Society memorabilia, and it has been an enjoyable study.

Remember that an organization by the same name existed in the late 1800's, and its publication, *The Home Worker*, appeared in print for more than four years. (See the article by Jim Pettway in the August 2010 KPS Newsletter). It seems as though the Knoxville Philatelic Society of the late 19th century was very active, as we are today. They even had their own circuit sales books! Here is the front cover – at actual size – of this 12-page booklet, bound at the left with a string.



Notice that it provides all the essential information – the book number, name of the owner, topic (Great Britain) and value (\$11.93). I couldn't find Sandberg on the internet or in *The Home Worker* articles in Jim's KPS article. However, note the small print at the bottom of the page, "Chas. P. Galyon, Print, Knoxville, Tenn." I searched for Charles Galyon and found on the web page of the *Bibliography of Philatelic Periodicals*, by Brian J. Birch (2010) - <http://hps.gr/fipliterature/boip.PDF> - that Galyon was the publisher of *The Home Worker*. That site further indicates that *The Home Worker* merged with *The Tennessee Philatelist*, becoming *The Tennessee Philatelist and Home Worker*, which he did not publish, in 1898. That publication apparently failed after only three issues.



The booklet is loaded with 92 stamps. Ninety of those are postage stamps, listed in the Scott Catalog. One is a pen-cancelled revenue stamp, and one is a cut out from a pre-stamped wrapper. Here, slightly reduced is a scan of page 1 of the circuit booklet. British stamps of the period included in the book (1841-1887) sometimes are valued based on plate number, which appears as part of the design of many stamps. Although the quality of these and others is not "very fine," the 2008 Scott catalog value of these ten stamps is \$1,355. (Wait! There's more on page 4.)

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 7

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Determining the age of this circuit book is a challenge. I believe that it was probably from the late 1890's, although the most recent stamps are those of the 1887 Queen Victoria Golden Jubilee issue. That was the last group of British stamps produced before her death in 1901, after which the new Edward VII stamps appeared. So, the possible time range is 1887 until 1901. Some of the individual stamps have catalog values of a few hundreds of dollars, and the lowest is \$2.25. The highest valued stamp is Scott 69, the 4 pence vermilion of 1873, cataloging at \$450 – and there are five copies on the page. The best quality of the group is shown at left.

So, what is the value of this mini-collection? The total 2008 Scott catalog value is \$9,012.35. That is quite a climb from \$11.93, and there are some empty spaces in the book that clearly had been previously occupied by stamps. Very few of the stamps are of fine-to-very-fine or very-fine quality, and several have major faults or heavy cancellations. The great value of this book is its historical importance to our club, today. It's great to know that over the past few years, the collecting enhancement programs developed by Jim Pettway, Bruce Roberts, Thomas Lane, and Ralph Dinwiddie – all strongly supported by president Stu Hanlein and the KPS membership, help us live up to what must have been our thriving precursor of the 1890's.

Web Sites You May Want to Visit

This begins what I hope will be a long-running and useful information site for KPS members and online readers of our newsletter. If you have a web site that offers general or specialized philatelic information, send me an e-mail at tomwb50@aol.com with the web address and a few words about the content.

Recommendations from Bruce Roberts:

www.specimenstamps.com/index.php - this site deals with "specimen" stamps of British colonies. Those were issued stamps that had an overprint or perforated design that said "Specimen" and were distributed to member countries of the Universal Postal Union as reference material. Examples of markings and perforations on this web site include:

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<http://webpmt.usps.gov/pmt010.cfm> - this site allows you to select a state and get an alphabetical listing of its post offices, including those no longer in operation. For some, it gives the opening and closing dates. Under Tennessee, it gives the opening date of the Knoxville post office as August 21, 1794.

Recommendations from Tom Broadhead

<http://www.postalhistory.com/Military/APO/index.htm> - this is a part of Jim Forte's www.postalhistory.com web site, but it is useful in providing a detailed explanation of Army Post Office system, including APO numbering, during World War II.

http://downloads.sturmpanzer.net/WWMF/Numerical_Listing_of_APOs_January_1942_-_November_1947.pdf - is a useful companion to the Jim Forte site. It was produced by the US military and is a numerical guide by date and place.

<http://www.imagesoftheworld.org/stamps/stamps.htm> - is a great, beautifully illustrated site showing details of early British stamps, including plate and position information.

<http://hps.gr/fipliterature/boip.PDF> - is the 694-page pdf of philatelic literature, mentioned in this month's article about the early KPS circuit sales book. Alas, the site does not include our more recent newsletters, but it is a treasure trove of information about early philatelic publications, worldwide.

Don't wait – send your favorite web site to share!

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