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of Stamp Clubs

We Are Lifelong Learners!

Stamp collectors are searchers, explorers, always in search of something “new” (which may be very old). We learn history, geography, and culture from our collections, from reading about stamps, viewing stamps online, and from “traditional” (I just didn’t want to say old-fashioned) sitting down together and sharing our knowledge with each other.

All of those things that we like to do characterize us as “lifelong learners.” Because stamps are a hobby for almost any age, we are exposed to countless learning opportunities throughout our collecting lives. Looking for a “learning” themed U.S. stamp, I came across the 1957 commemorative honoring teachers.



That was the year that I began collecting, and I like to think that the teacher is holding a small album or stamp catalog, telling the students where British Columbia is located on the globe. The teacher, as well as the students, could be any one of us.

I’m looking forward to Knoxpex 2010 as my next big philatelic learning experience. From the exhibits to the dealers to the beginners area, I know that there will be great things to learn. Come ready to share your philatelic knowledge and get ready to gather some new thoughts while you are there!

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

KnoxPex is only days away and I’m really getting excited about the Show. Together the members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society have organized what promises to be an excellent show. We will have 13 dealers setting up for the two-day show. Also, a designated area with over 2 dozen frames of exhibits. As usual, we will offer a commemorative cachet with a special show cancel. Those who are new to collecting stamps will find many helpful resources to help them get more out of the hobby in our “New Collector” table. This area will be stocked with worldwide stamps, as well as, free stamp publications. If you have any stamp publications that you would like to donate to a new collector, please bring them with you to the show and leave them on the table. Another great event at the show will be our annual auction which will be held on Saturday evening. This is a great opportunity to purchase items for your collection. There is still time to get your forms into Roy Row if you wish to have some of your items auctioned off on Saturday. Last, but not least, the stamp show is an excellent opportunity to meet with, and talk to other collectors. The only time I get to see some of our members is at the show. KnoxPex is a lot of fun, a great opportunity to add to your collection and an important event for the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Proceeds from this event helps subsidize the newsletter, and all the other activities of the KPS during the entire year. So, please come out and support the club. If you can, please consider donating some of your time to help out during the show. We need help with registration, and exhibit set-up and take-down. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Stamp Show on March 6th and 7th.

Ralph Dinwiddie

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – January 5, 2010

The KPS met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Stu Hanlein. There were 21 members and guests in attendance.

Prior to the business meeting members looked through many KPS lots for sale and the collections from Bettie Anne Logan's estate which will be auctioned at Knospex. Bruce Roberts reported he sold ten of the 14 remaining KPS lots at the meeting. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented in the February newsletter. Thomas Lane's treasurer's report showed a current balance in all KPS accounts of \$8,600.11. Thomas reported that the club had sold over \$1300 from the Regency auction lots. This endeavor has been very successful. Thanks to Thomas and Bruce Roberts for coordinating this. Jim Pettway also reminded all that 2010 dues were now overdue.

Tom Ringenbach presented the program, "Using Advertising Covers to Trace Local Economic History." In his presentation Tom discussed the history of Stark County, Ohio and its economic history related to farming implements and other industry. He showed many postal and business advertising items related to the region's history. Tom acquired the first item for this collection in 1972.



In new business, there was much discussion on a

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
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club "clothes line" exhibit. It was decided to try this as a program for the June or July meeting. Jim Pettway raised a concern about bad weather for meetings and Knospex. Thomas Lane will explore an insurance policy, and the board will discuss a policy in a future meeting.

Roy Row led the discussion of the upcoming Knospex show. Roy said he will prepare the auction list and asked that all lots be identified by February 15. Jim Pettway said he had 12 dealers committed to attend and is looking for one more. Bruce Roberts reported we have 17 frames for exhibits committed but with room for several more. He encouraged members to prepare exhibits and advise him by the March meeting. Ralph Dinwiddie says he is working on the Knospex cachet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Wade, acting secretary

Upcoming Events

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

March 2 – KPS monthly meeting and final preparations for Knospex 2010.

March 6-7 – Knospex 2010. The KPS annual show will feature the theme of the Centennial of the Boy Scouts of America and will be held at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Rd.

March 13-14 – Nashville Stamp Show 2010. Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Dr., Nashville 37214. 10-6 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. The show theme is the Boy Scout centennial.

March 30 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00; swap and shop at 7:00 – APS circuit sales books.

April 6 – KPS monthly meeting – program to be announced. APS circuit sales books available.

Stamp of the Month

Elizabeth II became queen of the United Kingdom in 1952 and has reigned for 58 years, more than any of her ancestors, except Victoria (64 years) and George III (60 years). This month's stamp is a 3 pence definitive (Scott 297) showing the famous photographic portrait by Dorothy Wilding, which has been used on many stamps and bank notes. Wilding had also been a court photographer for King George VI.



A Brief Look at the Philatelic History of Haiti

By Tom Broadhead

The world's attention was drawn to Haiti, one of the poorest nations, when it was wracked by an earthquake on January 12, 2010. Philatelically, Haiti has a richly beautiful history of stamp issues going back to its first stamps in 1881, which featured the head of "Liberty" wearing a typical bandana-like island head cover (Scott #1 at left). Most later nineteenth century issues are beautifully engraved depictions of the country's coat of arms (Scott #38 at right) and various presidents of the country.



Present day Haiti was colonized by France in 1697 and named Saint-Domingue, which in 1795 was expanded to include the entire island of Hispaniola. One year earlier, the majority population of African ancestry, began a revolt against the French, who were largely otherwise preoccupied with their own revolution at home. A force sent in 1804 by Napoleon I was defeated, and Haiti became the second independent nation in the western hemisphere. The centennial of independence was commemorated by a set of stamps, including images of revolutionary leaders Toussaint l'Overture (Scott #84 below left) and Jean-Jacques Dessalines (Scott #85 below right).



Haiti's government has undergone many changes over two centuries, and Dessalines, who had proclaimed himself emperor in 1804 was assassinated in 1806. U.S. marines were sent to Haiti in 1914 to help maintain order during a time of revolutionary activity. A treaty between Haiti and the U.S. in



1915 made Haiti a virtual protectorate, which lasted until marines were withdrawn in 1934. The block of U.S. stamps at right were cancelled "U.S.M.C. Port Au Prince Haiti" less than one month from the departure of the marines.

Geographically, Haiti consists of two peninsulas on the west end of the island of Hispaniola, and the stamps below feature examples (Scott 532, 534) of the tropical flora found throughout the country.



But, located in the tropical Caribbean, Haiti has been the victim of severe tropical weather. In 1954, hurricane Hazel, one of the most destructive storms of the 20th century, killed almost 1,000 and destroyed much of the agricultural crops of Haiti. The postal tax stamp (Scott RA20) at right shows a helicopter surveying storm damage.



The January 12, 2010 earthquake, centered near the capital of Port-au-Prince continues to have tragic effects on the country and people. Recent estimates suggest a death toll of 212,000 and the additional injured people are nearly 300,000. Next month, I'll share with you the semipostal stamp issued by France to raise funds for Haiti.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 2

Check out your “glowing” stamps at Knoxpex

If you are curious about fluorescent papers or phosphor tagging on your US or foreign stamps, you can find out more about them at Knoxpex. Randy Haese will have his UV viewer in the beginners area and will help you recognize the different varieties based on paper type and tagging.



The example at left shows a phosphor tag that is light yellow at the right edge of the stamp. Seen under ultra-

violet light to the right, the phosphor band glows.

Tagging has been used in the U.S. since 1963 to facilitate the automated handling of mail.

March 30 is 5th Tuesday

It's that time of the year, when a 5th Tuesday brings us a bonus KPS meeting. The KPS Board will meet that evening at 6:00, and all members are welcome to attend. At 7:00, get ready to swap and shop. Jim Pettway will have another great selection of circuit sales books from the American Philatelic Society.



The APS circuit sales are a very popular way to add to your collection. Four times a year,

when we have a 5th Tuesday meeting, Jim orders a selection from the APS, and KPS underwrites the shipping and insurance charges. If you don't see what you want, let Jim know so that he can request items in your area of interest the next time.

KPS recognition

In a letter published in the February 2010 issue of *American Philatelist*, writer Jim Measures of the Saugeen Stamp Club in Clifford, Ontario, replies to Jim Pettway's letter in *AP*, congratulating Jim and the KPS for being a growing club. The Saugeen club has grown in 12 years from fourteen to 40 members and does some of the same things as KPS, including regular meetings and a monthly newsletter.

Knoxpex 2010 cachet



KPS president Ralph Dinwiddie has again created a great cachet design for our annual stamp show. The main feature is the image of three scouts, adapted from the 1950 scouting stamp, which will be part of the postage on the envelope. The underprint or watermark on the entire envelope lists the twelve parts of the Boy Scout Law. Cachets will be on sale at the show for \$3 each, or at a show-only price of 2 for \$5.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 6