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## Show News

The month of August was a busy one for stamp shows. APS had its annual "StampShow" in Columbus, OH, and many KPS members attended. I received an award for my "Indigenous Peoples" YouTube video, and copies of the gold-medal winning KPS news were on display. Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane checked out the Regency Auction lots and were successful bidders on behalf of the club. Stay tuned for some great bargains!



Gerald Schroedl caught a quick shot of Bruce and Thomas at the Regency auction in Columbus, OH.

Longtime Knoxpex dealer, Bill Vance, organized a great summer bourse at the Holiday Inn, and the two-day event brought some new dealers to the show. We are delighted that Bill has continued to put on this summer program, which was started several years ago by Bill Muenzer.



Bill Vance and Stu Hanlein at the bourse.

Happy collecting!

*Tom Broadhead*

## President's Column

I want to thank Bruce Roberts for giving a eulogy on behalf of himself and the club at Bill Muenzer's funeral service. For some of the newer members' information Bruce and Bill were partners in the stamp shop for several years and had been close friends for a long time. We as a club, should decide on an appropriate way to honor his memory. The floor is open for suggestions!

Don't forget to bring in the 5 cent albums to the next KPS meeting. I am keeping a record of who has which volumes and will take reservations for each volume in advance. Just let me know which volume you would like to see. The club appreciates the timely return of the albums so others will have a chance to pick out some treasures for their collections. There are still lots of good stamps in these books and the price is right!

I would like to recommend a column in *Linn's Stamp News* – "Generally Speaking" by Lawrence Block. He is an accomplished author, who usually writes mysteries and he has several ongoing characters which he has created. The most interesting to me is John Keller, who is a stamp collector in addition to his occupation as a professional hit man. Block has cleverly woven his stamp collecting knowledge into his writings about this character. It is a pleasure to read an article in a stamp magazine written by a professional writer – the words just seem to flow more appealingly. I have now become a fan of Block's writing and have been trying to read all of his books. I have done some research on him and I find that we were both born in the same year so I guess there is some kindred spirit between us. Stamp wise I only disagree on one thing in that I primarily collect used stamps (probably due to my personal precancel collections) while he is a MNH collector. The beauty of stamp collecting is that we are both happy with what we are collecting. Let me know if anyone has any opinions on Lawrence Block's writings.

*Stu Hanlein*

## Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – August 2, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Universal Unitarian Church on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 for the regular monthly meeting. President Stu Hanlein presided. There were 19 people present. The meeting was opened with sadness noting our fellow KPS member, Bill Muenzer, passed on July 27. Members are asked to provide any comments and memories of Bill to Tom Broadhead who will include these in the next edition of the KPS newsletter. To acknowledge their special contributions in obtaining collections for the club, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane. Tom Broadhead received recognition from the APS for the KPS newsletter receiving a Gold Award for Class II multi-page category.

The following business items were discussed. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the July 23 KPS Board meeting were read for member information. The treasurer's report was presented and approved. The current club accounts total \$7,928.63. Through July 31 a total of \$2,337.37 had been purchased from the "Henderson Collection" and "The Nickel Albums."

Bill Muenzer gave a substantial collection to KPS, intending that this be used for "members to have fun." After expenses, KPS will receive a 20% commission on the sale of any items to members and 80% will be paid to the Muenzer family. Items sold to those other than KPS members will be split on a 50/50% basis with the family. Several high-value items have been identified, and a notice of these was included in the August newsletter with the opportunity for members to submit bids by August 10. These items will be taken to the APS StampShow in

**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
Past President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Vice President	Tom Ringenbach
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Bruce Roberts, 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](mailto:tomwb50@aol.com).

Columbus, Ohio August 11 – 14 and presented to dealers for a bid. These special items will be sold to the highest bidder, either KPS member or stamp dealers. High-dollar items sold to KPS members can be paid over six-months with no interest.

A sign-out process for the "Nickel Albums" has been instituted. Stu Hanlein will keep the check-out records. The board agreed with an email posting of KPS members' "For Sale" items to other members. Jim Pettway has volunteered to coordinate such activity. A summer stamp show will be held in Knoxville August 20-21. KPS will recruit new members and will offer a \$5 membership for the remainder of this year or a \$17 membership valid through 2012.

The board authorized Bruce Roberts up to \$2,000 for purchase of collections for the club at the upcoming Regency auction at APS StampShow in Columbus. The club approved a \$50.00 donation to Maryville's First Christian Church Minister's Discretionary Fund in appreciation for their hosting two Saturday meetings. Tom Broadhead announced that KPS member Beverly Rice will provide a \$25 initial year membership in the American Topical Association for four KPS members. Tom provided applications to those interested.

Following the business meeting Charlie Wade presented this month's program titled "Commemorative Stamps of Great Britain". Along with the presentation Charlie brought several of such stamps for members to see.

There will be a fifth Tuesday meeting on August 30. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 6. 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).

September 6 – KPS monthly meeting – Ralph Dinwiddie talks about the new web site and cachets.

October 4 – KPS monthly meeting and annual Stamp Collecting Month live Members' Auction.

November 1 – KPS monthly meeting – Clothesline exhibits!

November 29 – KPS 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday swap and shop meeting (7:00) and Board meeting (6:00).

## Stamp of the Month



More than 20 billion "Win the War" stamps (Scott 905) were issued beginning on July 4, 1942, only 7 months after the US entered World War II. This stamp was a workhorse and warhorse. As our September stamp of the month, it comes to us from a gift from our late member Bettye Anne Logan.

# HOW I BEGAN COLLECTING THE STAMPS OF ANGUILLA

By Rich Kaplan

Anguilla is a hot desert island in the Caribbean ringed by some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, though 2500 years ago it was a lush tropical rain forest with around forty settlements of Arawak Indians, who had migrated from South America. The Indians had disappeared by the time the first English settlers arrived in 1650 but returned six years later to wipe out the colonists. Control of the island vacillated between the British, the French and independent settlers with their slaves until 1796, when a British warship finally took the island from the French in a violent battle.

Anguilla became a political appendage to St. Christopher (St. Kitts), which the Anguillans resented greatly. They made their first appeal to Queen Victoria in 1872 to be independent of St. Kitts, which kept most of the crown's money. George V added Nevis to the confederation (known as the Leeward Islands) in 1936, which by 1956 became the colony of St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla within the West Indies Federation. Anguilla remained impoverished with little infrastructure and declared a revolution in February 1967, demanding direct administration by Great Britain. The high point of the revolution occurred May 30, 1967 with the expulsion of the 13 man police force comprised entirely of St. Kittsians. On June 10 an eighteen man party, including 3 American mercenaries and inside help from a few St. Kittsians, attacked the St. Kitts Police headquarters, main power station and the Defense Force Camp. The attacks were not successful, and three Anguillans were captured. A plebiscite was held on July 11, with an overwhelming vote for secession. A meeting of representatives from other British Caribbean governments proposed Anguilla's return to constitutional rule by St. Kitts. On February 6, 1969 Anguilla again declared itself an independent republic. Six weeks later an invading party of three hundred British troops established administration under a Commissioner. Eleven more years of negotiations resulted in Anguilla being declared a separate British Dependent Territory and a formal end to colonial ties to St. Kitts on December 19, 1980.

St. Christopher began issuing stamps by 1870, following the lead of Nevis in 1861. They merged their issues in 1903 but omitted Anguilla from the inscription and, in fact, did not portray anything relating to Anguilla until 1948. In 1950 St. Kitts and Nevis overprinted an issue to commemorate the Anguilla Tercentenary. Beginning in 1952 the stamps began to bear the inscription St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla. On September 4, 1967 Anguilla declared its philatelic independence by overprinting a 1963 set of sixteen stamps of St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla. Anguilla then released its first set of definitives in November 1967 and a set of commemoratives in May 1968. On January 6, 1969 they overprinted the 1967 definitives with "Independence January 1969." The British invasion of March 1969 put an end to the unilateral declaration of independence. By 1971 "Anguilla" was removed from the stamps and replaced with H(er) M(ajesty's) Commissioner in Anguilla as well as the Royal Cypher "E II R." Anguilla has used its own stamps since 1967, but stamps inscribed St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla continued to be used in the other two islands until May of 1980, just prior to the end of Anguilla's dependency with St. Kitts.

Having owned a timeshare in St. Maarten since 2000, I thought I'd take the 15 minute ferry ride across to Anguilla about 2004, after a friend became director of the Anguillan chamber of commerce. I visited the Post Office the following year and discovered that they had only begun issuing stamps in 1967. Over the next two years I became friendly with the philatelic clerk, Sherry Ann Roberts, whose visits to the vault allowed me access at face value to a great many stamps going back to 1987. Since 2009 my only needs are six high values of the original issue of overprinted stamps of St. Kitts and Nevis, two other single stamps and three booklets. I have met and spoken with some heroes of the revolution and their descendants.

My relationship with the philatelic staff has enabled me to frank and postmark my own covers to send home stamps from St. Maarten and Anguilla and even for sending home excess baggage (many of you saw the box I brought to the July meeting, to which I had affixed exact postage of EC\$97, the equivalent of 36.89USD). After ascertaining that Anguilla would issue stamps for the Royal Wedding just after my most recent visit, I brought my own stamps including The Royal Post wedding issue and some older Anguillan stamps with William, Diana, Charles and other issues relating to Royalty. I made up six covers to which the new Anguilla set of four were later added and cancelled on the date of issue. While in the Post Office I happened to see a cacheted envelope with the royal couple, which a clerk was using for scratch paper.

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

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Commemorative cover created and mailed on the First Day of issue of royal wedding stamps by Rich Kaplan



Official cachet first day cover of the 2011 Royal Wedding stamps of Anguilla

They had failed to submit a timely request for permission to use the Royal photograph and had to go with a generic cachet. All of the remaining envelopes had to be destroyed, and my plea to obtain the lone remaining cacheted envelope was denied, because everyone in the office would have known who gave it to me. I corresponded with a guy in Michigan who visited the Anguilla Post Office in the early 1980's and used to get access to errors and printer's waste. I guess I came 15 years too late for that. To date, Anguilla has issued 1182 stamps, most of which were prior to 2005, when 5-6 sets a year were the norm. Since that time new issues have been limited to one or two sets a year. I have found collecting the beautiful and high quality stamps of Anguilla to be challenging and exciting.

**Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, October 4**  
**KPS Members' Live Auction!**

## **Eulogy for Bill Muenzer – delivered at Bill’s Funeral**

By Bruce Roberts

I am Bruce Roberts and I am a stamp collector. Bill Muenzer was stamp collector. The stamp collecting world is the only world in which I knew Bill, and I want to share with all of you how important he was in that world.

I submit that stamp collecting was the first “Virtual World” to which people escaped, long before there were personal computers, the internet, even in-home electricity. Today, when people have real-world concerns and worries, many turn to a virtual community on Facebook, or create an avatar and play World of War Craft with and against other on-line citizens, or join a virtual game like the Sims and build a whole civilization working with others. The virtual world has its own language, its own symbols, and its own heroes, even its own money.

Long before these electronic, computer-based worlds came into being, there was stamp collecting. Franklin Roosevelt escaped into the stamp collecting world for a few precious hours each week while carrying the terrible burdens of the US Presidency through the Depression and World War II. Britain’s King George V entered the same world for the nearly 25 years he reigned over the British Empire. Many other men and women, working at both critical and mundane jobs, raising multiple children, living with a chronic disease, dealing with elderly parents, facing tough decisions, have had their stamp collections and their fellow stamp collectors as an “alternate universe” to give them some rest from their real lives.

In the electronic Virtual Worlds, there has to be a structure maintained in the real world by real humans, using large computer Servers. There has to be software written by brilliant men and women that make possible the interactions that happen so effortlessly on the screens that we see. If my neighbor and I want to “meet” in cyberspace for games, fun, or to exchange information, there has to be a dedicated group of people who create the space, maintain the servers, update the software and be ready to get us “On-Line” when we are ready to escape to our alternate universe.

There are equivalent people for Stamp Collectors. Stamps are just pieces of colored paper issued by countries and other groups around the world as proof that the cost of mailing a letter, package, registered mail, box of live chickens, and many other objects carried from one place to another, has been paid. Without the amazing structure that has been built up over nearly 2 centuries, Stamp Collectors would have no world to retreat to and certainly no one to share that world with.

Our Software consists of stamp catalogs, and the literally millions of articles that have been written about stamps. The catalogs classify our stamps, country by country, showing all the stamps that one can acquire, showing the chronology of their issue, showing the known varieties of each stamp, the errors of printing and color, and an estimate of the value of each. With a catalog, a collector has organization and knowledge of what exists. Collectors who have gone before us in this wonderful world have written down and shared their knowledge from lifetimes of collecting about one stamp, one country, or stamps in a great event such as the Civil War. The Stamp Collector has this incredible body of knowledge. But how can he or she obtain the wondrous things displayed in such tempting form in the catalogs and printed books?

Our Servers are the stamp dealers. When we are ready to buy or sell stamps, we can do some limited exchanges with other collectors, but ultimately we need a source of stamps and covers that is available to serve us when we “boot up” and a ready to leave the real world behind. When we walk into a stamp show, with a dozen Dealer Servers waiting for us, the real world disappears for a while. Bill was a Server. Bill took his capital, time, and concentrated study and assembled stamps and covers to provide us when we needed that time off from reality. Bill travelled around 7 states, bringing his precious cargo to collectors one weekend at a time. He did this part time for 10 years, leaving his real world job and entering the virtual world of stamps for a few hours each week. Then he chose to move permanently into this wonderful world, opened a stamp shop, and was ‘always on’ for the collectors in East Tennessee as well as those he helped on weekends of travel. His advice was free and available to anyone who asked, and in many cases to people who did not ask, but got it anyway. Many Stamp Collectors, including many here today, used Server Bill to gain a few more hours away from life’s stresses.

The modern electronic world has search functions using Google or Bing. We enter a term, hit a button, and in about 5 seconds have 100,000 hits. Generally what we are looking for is there. In stamp collecting, we use Servers like Bill in the same way. We prepare a list of items we seek, and give them to our Server. Then minutes, days, months or even years later when we see Bill we hear the magic words: “Oh, I have something for you”. And there it would be, something that could bring us real happiness, and often for a very small amount of money. Often, Bill had to interface with many other Servers as he went from show to show, keeping our list and working on our behalf to return to us this little piece of happiness.

One of the great things about Virtual Worlds is that no one is concerned about the real-world background of the people they interact with, only their interests and pursuits within the world they temporarily inhabit. I have seen at Bill’s table at

stamp shows bankers and plumbers in animated discussion with each other, about stamps issued by an obscure German Colony of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Politicians sit unrecognized by their constituents, sharing their love of stamps picturing cats from all over the world. People who do not even speak the same language in the real world can meet at the Servers and totally understand and share the enjoyment each has in finally filling the last space on the page, purchasing the very rare item that will elevate their exhibit to the next medal level, or trading-in stamps they no longer need for new stamps or money.

However, stamp collecting does have its own language, and the Servers fill a need to help collectors new to the hobby to understand words and terms such as Tongs (not tweezers please), stamp hinges and how and how not to use them, original gum, perforated 12 x 11.5, pelure paper, Ultramarine color, inverted watermarks, Waterbury fancy cancels, Topicals, regummed stamps, what is a cover?, Provisionals, the "Black Jack", the "Bluenose", Match and Medicine stamps, and a thousand more. Bill knew this stuff. Bill spoke our language, and made himself available to us when we needed him. I knew Bill for nearly 30 years and in that time he probably talked about his real-world concerns with me less than 8 hours. I did not know what he did in Oak Ridge. Bill was to me a denizen of the wonderful virtual world of Stamp Collecting, my travelling companion for many years, a cheerleader for my own accomplishments in this realm, and a Server for our hobby.

### Remembrances of Bill by KPS Members

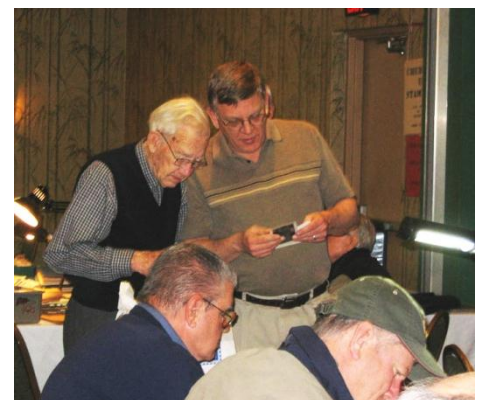
I first met Bill in the late 90's at the annual stamp show in Huntsville but it wasn't until November 2002 that I really talked with him. I was in Knoxville to give a presentation at UT and I went by his shop on Broadway. There I bought a copy of US #15 for my collection --- a real prize. Although we didn't know each other at the time, we discovered we both graduated from UT in 1972 in engineering. And when I read his obituary, I realized his fraternity house was right next to mine on campus. No doubt, in our day, we'd "flung a few cherry bombs" at each other along the back side of Fraternity Row. He will be missed. – Charlie Wade



It has always been great chatting with Bill at the shop or a show. When I started making YouTube videos, I bought all of the American Flag stamps that I needed for the one, where my son is singing the National Anthem. When I watch that video, I remember the day I bought those stamps from Bill – a fond memory. – Tom Broadhead



Bill was a special person. Not only was he our home town stamp dealer he was an active member of our club. Bill was the person who pointed me in the right direction to KPS when I first arrived in town and attended his August show in 2000. He knew what I collected and was always looking for what I might want when he acquired new material. I substituted for him several times at his shop and found out firsthand how many people depended on him for supplies and stamps, and many would stop by to chat. He always took the time to explain what stamp collecting was about to young or new collectors because he really enjoyed



what he was doing. I will really miss our chats because that is how you really get to know a person and he was truly a great friend. – Stu Hanlein

As you can imagine, even though we expected this at some point, the news is still hard for my husband and me. We'd known Bill for over 50 years but had only recently regained contact, just to have him snatched away. This is a great loss for everyone at KPS. – Beverly Rice

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for the photos of Bill at Knoxpex and at his shop.

## Knoxville Philatelic Society – Live Auction – October KPS Meeting

The KPS program for the October monthly meeting will be a live auction. Remember that October is **Stamp Collecting Month**, and here's your big chance to add to your collection. Dig through your stamp closet, stamp den, under your bed, or any other place that you keep your collection, and see if you have a few **stamps, covers, or supplies** that you don't need or want anymore.

### Get Ready for the Auction.

1. Complete the form on the reverse side of this page.
2. Number your lots to correspond to the numbering on your form.
3. If you are selling stamps, it will be helpful to list a current Scott catalog number and catalog value – remember that even retail dealers sell stamps usually at 50% or less of Scott catalog value.
4. Briefly describe what the lot is (are the stamps MNH – mint unhinged, or unused – hinged, or used?). The auctioneers will use your description when they announce each of your lots (and they may have some additional interesting stories to tell!).
5. Is there a minimum price, below which you don't want to sell? If so, indicate that in the "Min. Bid" column so the auctioneers will know not to sell your lot for less.
6. Bring your auction lots and this form to the October meeting. Try to arrive early – around 6:30 – to help set up.

### At the Auction

1. Come to the meeting early – around 6:30. We will try to display all auction lots on tables for viewing before the auction begins. **The auction will begin at 7:30.**
2. Bring your checkbook!
3. Check in with the auctioneers to be sure that your lots match your owner list.
4. Get a bidder number card so that you can raise it frequently during the auction to purchase treasured items from fellow KPS members. Don't worry about accidentally winning a bid when you thought you were just scratching your nose!
5. Wait patiently after the auction while sales are tallied. When your bidder number is called, you can settle up with the KPS treasurer.
6. Wait just a little bit more to get a check from the KPS treasurer for the proceeds of your sales.

**Be on the lookout for "must have" items at bargain prices! For example . . .**



**All auction proceeds go to the lot owners.  
Come to the meeting, and have fun at the auction!**

**KPS October Live Auction – Owner List**    **Owner Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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