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Will You Be At Knoppex 2006?

I really enjoy the camaraderie that we share at the monthly KPS meetings, but one of the things I like best about our society is its annual stamp show – Knoppex! You will be getting this newsletter just a few days before our 2006 show, and I hope that it will be a not-so-subtle reminder that we need your help again to make it a success. Many needs have already been fulfilled. We have a great group of dealers, including three cachet dealers. There is an exciting and colorful cachet, which will be sold for only \$2.00 cancelled with stamps – including the 29c Elvis Presley stamp. The show cancel also highlights the show theme – 50th Anniversary of Rock & Roll.

This year, the youth area has been moved to the outer hallway to provide more room, and Russ and Randy Haese have made some spectacular album pages that young collectors can learn how to carefully fill with beautiful pictorial stamps.

As always, we are publicizing the show with the American Philatelic Society and in *Linn's* and *Global Stamp News*. Twenty-six newspapers in eastern Tennessee and adjacent Kentucky and North Carolina got colorful letters asking them to include listings in their community events. Flyers and large posters have been distributed to alert the local public to our show.

Now it's up to you to help at the show. I'll see you there!

Tom Broadhead

~~Lost~~ Stolen and Found

A frontpage article in the February 6 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* reported the discovery of one of the most storied covers in all of United States philately. Stolen from a collector in Indiana in 1967, the only known cover posted with a 90c stamp of the 1869 pictorial series has resurfaced in Chicago and is now in the hands of the FBI.

Addressed to Mr. Joseph H. Bancroft, Ice House, Calcutta, E. Indies, the cover also has a 10c and a 12c stamp of the 1870 series. The 90c is heavily canceled with a black cork cancel, worse than the example shown here. It is also torn in two and has been reattached to the cover. Once the legalities



have been determined, we can only hope that the cover will be purchased by an exhibitor who will share this remarkable piece in an exhibit of the 1869 issue at a show.

E-Bay Treasures

Here is an interesting item I saw on e-Bay. With our recent articles by Bruce Roberts and Ken Korp on revenues, I thought it might be good to look for one on



E-bay. Dated May 11, 1869 and initialed by President Ulysses S. Grant – authenticated by the Philatelic Foundation – it sold for a single bid of \$399 + \$7 shipping on February 5, 2006.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – February 7, 2006

The February 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Sixteen (16) members and one guest were present. President Bruce Roberts brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Bruce Roberts asked Knoxpex chair Gerald Schroedl for a report on the show. Gerald reviewed his “check list” with members, asking for volunteers, and a list of volunteer requests was passed around for members to indicate where they would help during the show. All areas of KnoxPex 2006 seemed to be covered and we are on schedule for a successful show.

Russ Haese presented the youth activities proposal that he described last month. Russ designed and prepared 15 computer-generated stamp albums, which would be available, along with stamps, for youth at the youth table. Young collectors would be instructed on selecting and mounting stamps in the albums. Once the albums were completed the youth would receive a \$2.00 certificate that could be presented to purchase stamps at any dealer at the bourse. The KPS would reimburse dealers.

Gerald asked for approval to offer NEW applicants a year’s KPS membership at a reduced rate during the show. Members agreed to reduce the adult membership to \$7.50 and the family membership to \$10.00.

Bruce Roberts collected a list of members planning to enter exhibits at the show and suggested that due to space limits, another location be sought for the live auction. Gerald asked Tom Copas inquire about the availability of another area in the hotel for the auction. Bruce reported that there would be approximately 15 frames this year and this would occupy more space than in previous years. And while on the subject of the live auction it was agreed that any lots that didn’t sell at the Saturday evening of auction and not picked up after the auction would be sold at starting price at the opening of the Sunday bourse.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets 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 \$10.00 for individuals, \$12.00 for families, and \$2.00 for youth 17 years of age and under. Requests for information and submissions for the newsletter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

KPS Officers:

President	Bruce Roberts
President -Elect	Ken Korp
Treasurer	Richard Ehrlich
Assistant Treasurer	Phil Ford
Secretary	Tom Broadhead
Directors	Norm Carlevato, Ralph Dinwiddie, Charles Klinstiver, Jim Pettway

Following proposed changes to the KPS Constitution and By-Laws read at the January meeting, Richard Ehrlich asked that a vote be taken to accept them. Stu Hanlein moved that all changes be accepted as read except for Article IV, Section 6. Scott Robertson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Following discussion of the wording of Article IV, Section 6, the word “simultaneously” was changed to “concurrently,” and the word “and” between Vice President “and” Treasurer in the first sentence was changed to “or”. Also added was the word “concurrently” following . . . elective office, . . . in the second sentence. This revision will be voted on at the March meeting.

Jim Pettway discussed the Board-approved plan to bring the American Philatelic Society Sales Circuit to the KPS. As an addition to the 5th Tuesday KPS Meeting, which currently consists of buying, selling and trading stamps, Jim will have available the APS Sales Circuit. The first circuit will be available at the 5th Tuesday meeting in May (May 30, 2006). Jim explained details of the circuit and asked that interested members select 3-5 areas of stamp interest from the APS list. Jim will send requests for the most popular areas to APS and the sales circuit will include many or all of these.

Stu Hanlein reminded members of the sales books that he had obtained last year for the club. The Board had approved this purchase with the idea that members would fill the books and pass them among members so that they could make purchases. Bruce Roberts told Stu to bring some of the books to the March meeting.

Bettie Ann Logan asked for members to donate used but good manila stock pages to her church mission stamp program.

Russ Haese asked why the KPS website at www.stampclubs.com (the SEFSC site) wasn’t up to date. More specifically the question was why were not all members’ names and e-mail addresses listed on the members page? Gerald Schroedl told members that Tom Broadhead was working on revising and updating the website but that members had to agree to have their names and information listed. The idea of a membership directory is not new to the KPS, but many members have said that they did not want their addresses and phone numbers listed. This subject will be brought up at a later KPS meeting.

Bruce Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Jim Pettway, Acting Secretary

Stamps of the Month

Here is a complete set of Czechoslovakian stamps, Scott # 288-292, issued in 1945 to commemorate the Czech uprising against the Germans. Shown at right is the high value in the set, showing a Czech patriot. Thanks go to Bill Muenzer for donating this month’s stamps!



A Little Knoxville-Related History

By Tom Broadhead

When I read the January 23 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, I was intrigued by its mention of William Blount, a signer of the United States Constitution who is buried in Knoxville. Blount signed as a delegate from North Carolina and later became one of Tennessee's founding statesmen.

The *Linn's* article talks about the 1937 Constitution Sesquicentennial Stamp and the fact that there are eight individuals shown who have never been identified. The arrow superimposed on the stamp below shows Blount standing at far left.



It was difficult to find information about the original painting on the internet. It was painted in 1856 by Junius Brutus Stearns and now hangs in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.



Stearns's 37" x 54" painting is titled "Washington as Statesman at the Constitutional Convention.

In 1790, Washington appointed Blount as Governor for the Territory South of the River Ohio (which included Tennessee). In 1796 he presided over the constitutional convention that transformed part of the territory into the State of Tennessee and was elected as one of its first U.S. He also conspired to conquer for Britain the Spanish provinces of Florida and Louisiana and was expelled from the Senate. He later became speaker of the Tennessee state senate, but died in

1799 and was buried at First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville.

I hope to see you at . . .

Knoxpex 2006

March 4-5

Saturday, 10am-6pm

Live Auction at 6:30pm

Sunday, 10am-4pm

Budget Inn of America
323 N. Cedar Bluff Road
Knoxville, TN 37923

Knoxpex commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Rock & Roll

This year's show cancel, designed by Tom Broadhead shows a five-bar music staff with the inscription "50th Anniversary of Rock and Roll" together with a silhouette of a period-era rock musician holding a guitar. The cancel will be available at the show on Saturday, March 4 and afterward for 30 days at the philatelic window at the main Knoxville post office at Weisgarber Road.



March 4, 2006 Knoxpex Station
Knoxville, TN 37923



This year's cachet is spectacular. Newsletter publisher and cachet designer, Ralph Dinwiddie has designed a full-color beauty with a jukebox, platters, and guitars! One of the stamps that will be used on the cachet will be the 29¢ Elvis Presley commemorative Scott #2721. The other two will be the guitar and piano from the 1978-79 coils – Scott #1613 and #1615C.



Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers will be needed on Friday, March 3 beginning at 5:00pm for frame setup and other organizational needs at *Knoxpex 2006*. Knoxpex 2006 show chair Gerald Schroedl – gschroe1@utk.edu to offer your help.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, March 7

We Think These Stamps Are Ugly!

by Tom Broadhead

During my program “The World’s Ugliest Stamp,” I asked KPS members if they had stamps that they did not think were attractive. Here are the nominees:

(1) The 1956 Nassau Hall bicentennial – printed on orange paper. Nassau hall is the original building to house Princeton University.



(2) The 1994 tribute to silent film stars, designed by famous cartoonist Al Hirschfeld. The Lon Chaney stamp is below at left.



(3) Padre Félix Varela (above at right) was an important minister and social worker of the early 1800's, who helped many in then already over-crowded areas of New York city.

(4) Mexican artist Frida Kahlo didn't do herself justice in the self portrait (below left). Married to muralist Diego Rivera, she was rumored to have been involved in the axe murder of Russian revolutionary, Leon Trotsky.



(5) Buckminster Fuller (above right) futurist and inventor of the geodesic dome, coined the phrase “Spaceship Earth” for our planet.

Knoxpex Exhibits

Take the opportunity to learn more about stamps and philately at the Knoxpex 2006 exhibit area. Above all, exhibits tell us interesting stories about history and both the production and use of stamps. Here are this year's exhibits.

Multiple frame:

Arkansas Postal History - Territory through Union Occupation – Bruce Roberts

Postal Uses of the Martha Washington 1 1/2 cent Fifth Bureau Issue – Scott Robertson

100 years of Air Mail Postal History in North Carolina – Tony Crumbley

General N.P. Banks – Banks Division & Banks Expedition - James Cate

First Day Issue – 10.9 cent Hansom Cab - James Cate

Single Frame:

Personalities Associated with Pharmacy - Thomas Lane

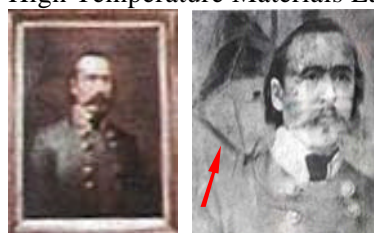
Twelve Ways of Collecting Christmas Seals - Ralph Dinwiddie

U.S. Internal Revenue Beer Stamps - Ken Korp

First Man on the Moon with Calles - Mike Kaufmann

In the News

KPS cachet designer and newsletter publisher Ralph Dinwiddie was featured in an article that appeared in the February 21, 2006 *Knoxville News Sentinel*. Ralph has a PhD in physics and is employed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in its High Temperature Materials Laboratory. He



used infrared spectroscopy to show that the canvas with the portrait of General John

Porter McCown

had earlier been used for a preliminary sketch of a watermill landscape (sideways, shown by arrow).

The portrait is believed to have been painted from a photograph by Knoxville artist Lloyd Branson in the 1880's, after McCown's death.

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, April 4