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Let's Think Ahead

By any measure, *Knoxplex 2006* was a great success, and the March monthly KPS meeting gave us all an opportunity to express appreciation for many things and suggest a few changes for next year. Tom Copas and Bruce Roberts had to endure the sudden news that we could not use one quarter of the space we usually have. But the good news was that it forced a little creativity, with the exhibits moved to the hallway, where they looked great and had a lot of viewers. And, we have new members to welcome: Daryl Johnson, Gary Rehberg, John Rush, Dennis Smith, and Barbara Steverson.

Now is the time to look ahead to *Knoxplex 2007*. Be ready to lend your ideas for a show theme. The sooner we agree on one, the sooner work can begin on the cancel, cachet, and publicity.

Between now and next March there is much more to enjoy. If you haven't made it to a club meeting lately, please make a point to attend this spring or summer. Come to the April meeting to welcome our new members who joined at *Knoxplex*.

Don't forget that this May 27-June 3 is the once every ten year international show in the US –



Washington 2006, and next fall, the *Southeastern Stamp Show* in Atlanta will be September 22-24.

Have a great spring, and happy collecting. Take some time to relax and enjoy your hobby!

Tom Broadhead

New Postcard Stamp

Did you make a few homemade first day covers for the new 24c postcard stamp? Without much fanfare – as is becoming increasingly the case with the USPS, the new stamp made its appearance on Wednesday, March 8 with a nationwide distribution and no formal first day ceremony as reported in *Linn's* in the March 6 issue.



Nationwide distribution seems to be the approach that USPS is taking with definitives. You can see another new stamp on the last page of the newsletter that also was issued nationwide.

E-Bay Treasures

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about stamps that club members thought were ugly. One stamp that is often considered to be beautiful is the 1929 stamp issued by Canada (Scott 158) showing the schooner "Bluenose" in a sailing race. I saw this superb, mint unhinged example on E-bay. With a starting bid of \$150 Canadian, it sold on March 3 with 12 bids leading



to the final sale price of \$300 Canadian (about \$260 US). Shipping was an additional \$2.00.

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 7, 2006

The March 2006, meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. Eighteen (18) members were present. President Bruce Roberts brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Bruce asked that the program be the comments of members about Knoxpex 2006. Each was asked to indicate one thing that they really liked and one area that needed improvement. Several show-related announcements were presented first. Jim Pettway announced that 131 visitors were registered on Saturday and 29 on Sunday, with a total of 11 youth registrants. Thirty-two had heard about the show in Linn's, 25 from the KPS mailing, 9 from the APS, and others from the web, newspapers, and dealer mailings.

Richard Ehrlich said that we gained 5 new members at the show, and Jim Pettway reported that 15 registrants had requested more information about KPS. Gerald Schroedl, Show Chair, thanked all for helping and attending. Among visitors attending were officers of the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs: John Coles, President; Dave Hill, Vice President, Don LaBerteaux, Past President; and Scott Marks, Show Chair. They presented KPS with a \$50 check to promote exhibiting.

Positive comments about the show included many remarks about the exhibits and the placing of exhibit frames in the hallway. The youth activity materials were superb. Other favorable comments focused on the dealers and the layout of the bourse. Tom Copas praised the hotel management for its help this year.

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

As good as the show was, there were suggestions for improvement. Better lighting in the exhibit area was noted. Ideas were floated to rename the “youth area” the “beginners or novice area.” Having lost part of our reserved space at the last minute, there were comments about the need for more space, especially to allow auction lots to be displayed more accessibly. Outdoor advertising is needed, including use of the hotel's marquee and a large banner, which will need to be purchased by KPS.

The business meeting followed, with Richard Ehrlich giving the treasurer's report indicating a preliminary profit for the show of approximately \$650. Jim Pettway announced that APS circuit books will be here probably for the May 5th Tuesday meeting (although this will be during the Washington 2006 show) and the June 1st Tuesday meeting. Stu Hanlein will bring the KPS blank circuit books to the April meeting for members to fill for our internal circuit.

Richard Ehrlich brought for a vote the final amendment to the KPS Constitution and Bylaws, which was approved unanimously. The following is the new wording for Article IV, Section 6.

“No member shall hold more than one of the following offices – President, Vice President, or Treasurer – concurrently. When a member of the Executive Board holds more than one elective office, that member's vote on issues brought before the Executive Board shall be counted only once, not for each office.”

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

Submitted by
Tom Broadhead, Secretary

Stamp of the Month

Here is a booklet stamp issued by Canada in 1991. The real stamp that you receive in your newsletter might be a booklet single with a straight edge, or a stamp perforated on all four sides – which may have come from a sheet or the inside part of a booklet! This stamp shows the Canadian maple leaf flag over a background of hills, Scott #1356. Take another look at it



and at your copy. The postal cancel shows all or part of the Olympic rings and represents a 1992 Olympic cancel. Copies were donated to KPS by Nicole Gamble.

What Will Happen to My Stamp Collection When I Die?

By Jim Pettway

What will happen to your stamp collection when you die? Do you care? We don't want to think about it but this time will come and those that you leave behind will be left to deal with this question. We stamp collectors tend to plan ahead but only to that time in the future when we get around to sorting or mounting some of those stamps that we purchased and stashed away many years prior. And so the question remains, what will happen to your stamp collection when you die?

As an American Philatelic Society Estate Advisor I receive emails and phone calls from friends, attorneys and relatives who are in search of advice as to what to do with a stamp collection left by a loved one. No instructions have been left concerning the value or the disposition of this persons stamp collection and accumulation of stamps, including covers and stamp publications. Fortunately this relative/friend/attorney has contacted the APS and been given my name or the name of another APS Estate Advisor for guidance. I have the job of doing the best that I can to guide this relative/friend/attorney in the disposal of the stamp estate. My services normally consist of viewing the collection to get an idea of its worth and then making suggestions as to what to do.

I must say that most collections that I view are nicely assembled collections but of minimal value. Unfortunately this isn't what people want to hear. And then there are the collections of more value. I work with the holder to find a dealer or auction house that I consider able to dispose of the stamp collection in the best way. I always make it a point to encourage the holders of these collections to join the growing ranks of stamp collectors and to continue the collections, becoming full-fledged stamp collector. Sometimes it works!

It's rather simple what you need to do to help those responsible for the disposition of your stamp estate. Chances are great that no one in your immediate family knows the value of your stamp collection. Stamp collectors tend to be quite secretive about the contents of their stamp collections. Of course the best place to leave instructions is in a will. I would like to suggest, as a minimum, that you leave information and

instructions for the disposition of your stamp estate in the front of a stamp album. Include here a short inventory of your collection (updated at least yearly) with special highlight on the higher value stamps. Give some idea of the total catalogue value (reference Scott, etc.) of your collection. Where are all of your stamps, covers, and publications? Are there stamps or stamp related materials in a safe deposit box? Is there a person or auction company that you would like to handle the sale of your collection? Provide a name or names of stamp dealers with whom you have a relationship.

Don't leave your stamp collection to chance. I don't think that you want your years of collecting to end up stored in the basement or garage. This does happen. Help those you leave behind with some guidance. Do this tonight!

Knoxpex 2006 Palmares

It was exciting to have nine beautiful exhibits at Knoxpex, and judges Tom Broadhead and Gerald Schroedl spent considerable time at the frames taking notes and evaluating the contents and presentation. All exhibitors are invited to visit with Tom and Gerald to hear their suggestions. The following are the "Palmares" or list of awards earned by this year's exhibitors.

Gold

Arkansas Postal History - Territory through Union Occupation – Bruce Roberts

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

General N.P. Banks – Banks Division & Banks Expediton – James Cate

Vermeil

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

First Day Issue – 10.9 cent Hansom Cab – James Cate

First Man on the Moon with Calles – Mike Kaufmann

Silver

Personalities Associated with Pharmacy – Thomas Lane

Twelve Ways of Collecting Christmas Seals – Ralph Dinwiddie

U.S. Internal Revenue Beer Stamps – Ken Korp

Congratulations to all exhibitors!

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 4

Member News

Phil Ford's son Bobby is now in Kuwait. They are suppose to convoy into Ar Ramondi, Iraq this month. From Phil's experience on RED HORSE, convoy is a tricky and dangerous way to move a group of people. We wish him the greatest success and a safe return home after his tour of duty.

Ron Sarson, former KPS treasurer and current active member lives in West Liberty, Ohio. Ron writes that he has sold his Machin collection and his Canadian collection, but that his son has taken over his first flight cover collection and his award winning CAM 9 exhibit. Keep an eye out for an article in the American Philatelist next year by Ron, highlighting CAM 9.

New Stamps – Nationwide 1st Day



Linn's reports that the new X-15 priority and express mail stamps will be issued nationwide on March 17.



Knoxpex 2006 cachets are still available. One of the highlights of Knoxpex is always the cachet and commemorative cancel that recognize an important historical event. This year's theme, the 50th anniversary of Rock and Roll music was colorfully depicted with a jukebox, 45 rpm platters, and a background print of guitars. Designer Ralph Dinwiddie also was a dealer in the Saturday "cachet bourse," which featured many of his other artistic designs for envelopes commemorating our history and culture. If you didn't have a chance to purchase this year's cachet, a small number is still available. Send your order with \$2.00 plus a self-addressed stamped envelope to KPS, PO Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or come to the April meeting to buy one!

Next KPS monthly meeting – Tuesday, May 2