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Knoxpex

Knoxpex 2008 probably was one of our most successful shows, and I look forward to the financial details. The club took in a record amount at the live auction, in large part due to many donation lots and sales of books from the KPS library. We had more than 100 attending on Saturday, excellent exhibits, many more young collectors than before, and some who came to the show because they saw our “yard signs” on streets and interstate exits near the hotel. We sold out on cachets! More about that next month.

I know that we just put the wraps on Knoxpex 2008, but guess what? It’s time to start planning Knoxpex 2009! Over the next few KPS meetings, please be prepared to share your ideas about a show theme. One idea that has already begun to circulate is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. If the USPS is planning a Lincoln tribute, then we should expect at least one commemorative stamp to be issued about two weeks before our show.

A quick glance through the Scott Catalog suggests that Lincoln ranks third, behind Washington and Franklin,



for the most images on U.S. stamps. Here are two early ones (1866, 1869), but not the earliest! I’ll write an article about the others soon.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

Were you a part of Knoxpex 2008? I had a blast and hope that you were involved in some way in the success of our show last month. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Knoxpex Chairman Gerald Schroedl and the many volunteers who helped to make this a successful event. Attendance was really good, dealers were pleased with sales, the KPS made a little money to support our club, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Read more about Knoxpex 2008 later and visit the KPS website for more pictures.

Following Knoxpex I mailed out 27 letters to attendees who had requested more information and had an interest in joining the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Isn’t this interest in our club great? Over the next few weeks I’ll be waiting in anticipation of receiving membership applications generated by this mailing.

I’m excited that we will have a guest program presenter at the April meeting. Jim Cate, from the Chattanooga Stamp Club, will show covers from his award winning exhibit during his presentation of “Chattanooga Straight-Line Cancels – 1863-1864”. Make an extra effort to attend this meeting and show our appreciation to Jim for bringing his program to our club.

Also this month will give us a Fifth Tuesday meeting. Take this opportunity to buy, sell and/or trade stamps with other members. You can also make purchases from the APS Sales circuit books. Don’t miss out.

Attendance at our meeting has been really good over the past months. Join me and fellow stamp collectors in April for the regular meeting and then again on April 29 for the Fifth Tuesday meeting.

Have fun with your stamp hobby. I am!

Jim Pettway

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – March 4, 2008

The March 2008 meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalistic Church on March 4, 2008. Jim Pettway, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Seventeen members were present.

There was no formal program since this was to be a recap of Knoxpex 2008. Each member was given a chance to present or discuss any items they purchased at Knoxpex. Many members responded to the request.

In the business meeting the minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In old business a vote to amend the club constitution received unanimous approval.

The last line of Article III – Members Section 4 of the Knoxville Philatelic Society constitution and bylaws, "Annual dues shall be \$15.00 for each regular member/household." is stricken.

To be added:

Section 5

Society dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and presented to members present at a regular meeting for a majority vote of approval/disapproval.

Following this vote a recap of Knoxpex 2008 was discussed.

- The show had a registration of 134 people including 31 club members.

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 \$15.00.

KPS Officers:

President	Jim Pettway
Past President	Mike Kauffman
Vice President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Treasurer	Pat Goebel
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Bruce Kinney, Stu Hanlein, Thomas Lane, Charlie Wade
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

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- The auction had gross sales of approximately \$1300 with about \$750 in expenses (a final accounting will be presented at a future meeting)
- Tom Ringenbach's exhibit on fancy cancels won the "People's Choice" award.
- The bourse received very favorable comments from the dealers
- Response to youth/beginners area was very positive

In new business Jim Pettway spoke to activity for Knoxpex 2009 should begin soon. Three specific areas were discussed: date, location, and theme. The standard date of the 1st weekend in March will conflict with the Nashville show in 2009. Jim Pettway will contact the Nashville club to discuss mutually agreeable dates for both shows.

It was the members' and dealers' opinions that the Budget Inn should not be considered for future Knoxpex events. Charlie Wade volunteered to explore alternative sites for future events. Jim Pettway will supply the requirements for show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Charlie Wade, Secretary

5th Tuesday Meeting – April 29

by Jim Pettway

One of the benefits of membership in the KPS is the Fifth Tuesday KPS Meeting and board meeting. The board meeting begins at 6:00 pm followed by the trade and swap at 7:00. We provide this for members to buy, sell and/or trade stamps, covers and other philatelic material. You can set up a table (furnished) in the large meeting room and sell or swap those duplicate stamps or covers. Let me know (jbpettway@comcast.net) and I'll let others in the KPS Email Group know what you'll be bringing to the meeting. And don't forget that I'll have the American Philatelic Society Sales circuit books from which you can make purchases!

Stamp of the Month

April's stamp is a recent US special stamp, one of the cartoon character themes. This one features the Warner Brothers' characters Sylvester the cat and Tweety the canary. Issued in a self-adhesive sheetlet of 10, the individual stamps are Scott 3204a.

Thanks to Ralph Dinwiddie for donating these stamps.



The Butterfly Definitive Stamps of Uganda and Sierra Leone

By Adriean Mayor

Some stamp collectors may feel that collecting modern stamps with topical themes lacks the complexity of classical issues, which often have numerous varieties with differences in design, watermark, and perforation. Nothing could be further from the truth, when considering the butterfly definitive stamps issued from 1987-1992 by Uganda and Sierra Leone. Most catalogs, including Scott's, have only incomplete listings for them.

These are among the most beautiful stamps ever produced, picturing native butterflies in glorious color. Sierra Leone is located on the west coast of Africa, and Uganda is in east Africa on the north shore of Lake Victoria. What seem at first to be two unrelated stamp issues have common links of design, size and subject matter. Both issues were designed by U.S. artist Steve Heimann and were printed by The House of Questa in the United Kingdom. The first designs for both countries have the country name printed in black; subsequently both Sierra Leone and Uganda issued stamps using the same designs with the country name in blue. It has been suggested, that varieties of these issues may have been instigated by the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation to take advantage of sales for the increasingly popular topical theme of butterflies on stamps.

The stamps issued by Uganda show 17 species of native butterflies with three major stamp types and are easy to find. All are perforated 14, with the country name printed in black or in blue ink. The stamps are denominated



between 5 and 5000 shillings, and were issued between November 1989 and October 1992. Some issues with the country name in blue have a very small imprint date of 1991 at the bottom center of the stamp (400 shilling at left). There are a total of 35 different butterfly stamps issued by Uganda, and the Scott catalog lists these as Uganda 703-716 and 826-839C. The issue specifications for the Uganda definitive types are:

- Type A – Uganda in black, perf. 14 without imprint date – 14 stamps
- Type B – Uganda in blue, perf. 14 without imprint date – 13 stamps
- Type C – Uganda in blue, perf. 14 with imprint date 1991 at bottom center – 8 stamps

The stamps issued by Sierra Leone also show 17 species of native butterflies with eight major types and are much

more complex. Finding all stamps of a particular type is a great challenge, the 'holy grail' of butterfly stamp collecting. Like Uganda, the issues of Sierra Leone were produced with the country name printed in black or in blue ink. However, they were issued in a variety of different perforation gages, perf. 14 (near right), perf. 12 (middle right), and 12.5 x 11.5 (with a larger perforation hole every sixth perforation both vertically and horizontally) (far right).



They were printed without imprint date (above left and middle), and with imprint dates of 1989 or 1990 (above far right and examples on the next page) at the bottom of the stamp. The stamps are denominated from 10 cents to 300 leones, and were issued between August 1987 and October 1991. There are a total of 78 different stamps! The Scott catalog lists these as Sierra Leone 859-873, 859a-873a, and as of April 2008, 1332A-1332L, and 1332Am, 1332Hn, 1332Jo, and 1332Lp. (continued on p. 4)

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, April 1



As if this were not enough there are two Sierra Leone butterfly aerogrammes. If you are looking for complexity and a collecting challenge, collect the butterfly definitive issues of Uganda and Sierra Leone.

The issue specifications for the Sierra Leone definitive types are:

- Type A – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 14 without imprint date – 15 stamps
- Type B – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 12 without imprint date – 15 stamps
- Type C – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 14 with imprint date 1989 at foot – 10 stamps
- Type D – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 12.5 x 11.5 with imprint date at foot and a larger perf hole every 6th hole both vertically and horizontally – 10 stamps
- Type E – Sierra Leone in black, perf. 12 with imprint date 1989 at foot – 7 stamps
- Type F – Sierra Leone in blue, perf. 14 with imprint date 1990b at foot – 13 stamps
- Type G – Sierra Leone in blue, perf. 12.5 x 11.5 with imprint date 1990 at foot and a larger perf hole every 6th hole both vertically and horizontally – 4 stamps
- Type H – Sierra Leone in blue, perf. 12 with imprint date 1990 at foot – 4 stamps

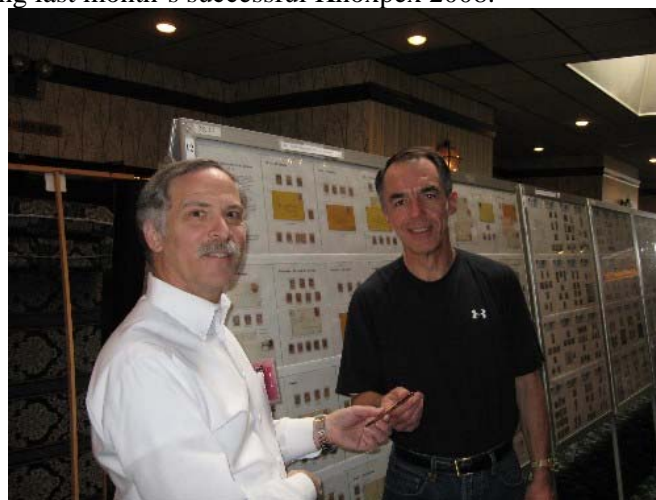
I have found all of the Uganda issues, but am still looking for many of the Sierra Leone issues, including all those of types F and G! So, let's get out there and collect butterflies on stamps. The rewards are many, and never ending. The information for this article and illustrations come from a website by Leslie Bootman that deals with the definitive butterfly issues of Uganda and Sierra Leone in detail. Visit the website at: <http://www.fortunecity.co.uk/picnicpark/eternity/147/direct.htm>.

Knoxpix Pix

Here are a few photos from Jim Pettway's camera showing last month's successful Knoxpix 2008.



The dealer bourse was busy all day Saturday.



KPS president Jim Pettway presents the award for most popular exhibit to Tom Ringenbach.

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 6